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Senator fights for domestic violence survivors

Blumenthal seeks federal law to protect them by closing loopholes that allow abusers to legally obtain weapons

By Taylor Hartz
 Hartford Courant

Kacey Mason wiped tears from her eyes as she sat before members of Congress in Washington on Wednesday and told them that a proposed law — one named for her sister — would have likely saved her sister's life.

The Lori Jackson-Nicolette Elias Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act, said Mason, “would have added another layer

of safety” for her 32-year-old sister, Lori Jackson, who was shot while taking refuge at their parent's house in Oxford in 2014 with her young twins. She was killed by her husband, whom she had recently left, despite having a temporary restraining order against him.

Jackson's murder prompted Sen. Richard Blumenthal to introduce a federal law that would prevent people under temporary restraining orders from purchasing firearms, closing what he called a “dangerous loop-

hole” that allows court-documented abusers to maintain access to guns.

In the weeks before her murder, Jackson had taken all possible measures to protect herself, her family said. She had filed for two temporary restraining orders and was one day away from a hearing for a permanent one. Despite her efforts, there was no law in place that prevented her abuser, Scott Gellatly, from keeping the guns he



Merry and Douglas Jackson leave Milford Superior Court after Scott Gellatly was sentenced to 45 years for the slaying of their daughter, Lori Gellatly. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

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ELECTION 2022

Lamont leads in latest poll

Stefanowski releases new commercial: Everything's ‘not fine’

By Christopher Keating
 Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A new poll Wednesday showed Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont leading Republican Bob Stefanowski by 13 percentage points as the two candidates pick up the pace of their television advertising campaigns.

The survey by News 8/The Hill/Emerson College Polling says that if the election were held today, Lamont would have 50.5% and Stefanowski would have 38%. Another 11.5% of registered voters in the survey remained undecided with the election more than five months away.

“Lamont carries the majority of urban and city voters with 58% and suburban voters with 51%, while Stefanowski has a 46% plurality support among rural voters,” said Spencer Kimball, executive director of Emerson College Polling.

The survey of 1,000 registered voters also showed that 55% currently approve of Lamont's job performance in office, while 32% disapprove. Another 13% said they were neutral.

The poll done May 10 and 11 has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. A previous poll that was released last month by Sacred Heart University in Fairfield showed Lamont ahead by 18 percentage points.

Lamont's spokesman, Jake Lewis, responded by saying Lamont is concentrating on his job.

“Polls go up, polls go down,” Lewis said Wednesday. “We're just focused on the state.”

Liz Kurantowicz, Stefanowski's strategist and spokeswoman, said, “We know that polls over the next five months are going to go up and down, but what Bob hears every day from people across the state is their frustration with how out of touch Ned Lamont is with the struggle people face every day, and while Ned Lamont is patting himself on the back for

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Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during the Coast Guard Academy's commencement at Cadet Memorial Field on Wednesday in New London. **SEAN FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

VP says ‘Rule of law is strained’

Vice President Kamala Harris addresses Coast Guard graduates in New London

By Aamer Madhani | Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris told the U.S. Coast Guard Academy's graduating cadets that they are starting their service at a crucial moment for the world, a period in history when the “rule of law is strained” and “fundamental principles are under threat.”

Harris, in the commencement speech Wednesday at the academy in New London, reflected on the state of the world in which long-standing rules and norms are more frequently coming under attack, noting the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

“And the challenges we face are broader than Russia,” Harris said. “Around the world, we see additional attempts to undermine the rules-based order: Nations that threaten the freedom of the seas; criminal gangs and traffickers who skirt the rule of law, and fuel corruption and violence; those that manipulate and undermine the foundations of international commerce.”

The Democratic vice president also made the case that as Coast Guard members the graduates will play an important role in helping the United States uphold the international rules-

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Teen charged in stabbing of Fairfield Prep student



McGrath

Victim remembered as ‘positive, loving, caring’

By Jesse Leavenworth
 Hartford Courant

Shelton police on Wednesday arrested a 16-year-old from Milford in the stabbing death of a Fairfield Prep student,

described in his obituary as an accomplished athlete and “a wonderfully happy person with a big heart.”

Charged with murder and three counts of first-degree assault, the unnamed juvenile

was held in lieu of \$2 million bond and was to appear in court on Wednesday, police said. Police say his case will be transferred to adult court in Milford.

James McGrath, 17, was stabbed and later died and three others were wounded late Saturday on Laurel Glen

Drive. McGrath was a junior at Fairfield College Preparatory School, where he played football and lacrosse.

“Jimmy” McGrath was the son of Margaret and Kevin McGrath “and was the sunshine of their life,” his obituary said. He also had a sister

Rose, described as his best friend and confidant.

McGrath “was always a positive, loving and caring person,” the obit said.

“Many described Jim as a wonderfully happy person with

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Demand surges for submarine manufacturing workers

A workforce training program in eastern Connecticut has doubled the number of classes of prospective employees of Electric Boat and its suppliers facing U.S. Navy deadlines to manufacture a rising number of submarines. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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already owned and driving to Virginia to purchase another.

On May 7, 2014, he shot Jackson four times in her head and torso before turning the gun on her mother, Merry Jackson — who was also in Washington on Wednesday — injuring her, too.

Roberta Valente, a Policy Consultant for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said that Jackson was killed during a window of time when victims of domestic violence are at the highest risk — right after they reach out for help, like when they call police or file for a protective order.

Blumenthal, who chaired the “Stop Gun Violence: The Jackson-Elias Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act” hearing on Wednesday, said the law would help protect victims during the same timeframe in which Jackson was killed.

“That is the moment of highest rage and lowest protection,” he said.

Mason, who saw firsthand the fear her sister felt as she tried to keep herself safe during that time, said “those weeks are an unstable time when another layer of protection could be beneficial and save lives.”

Each year in the United States, an average of 600 women are shot to death by intimate partners, senators on the subcommittee said Wednesday. And the mere presence of a gun in a home where domestic violence is an issue increases the risk of murder by fivefold, said Blumenthal.

Domestic abusers regu-



Scott Gellatly, left, killed his wife Lori, right, and injured his mother-in-law in Oxford in 2014. FACEBOOK

larly use firearms as a tool for violence and control, said Valente, who told the subcommittee that 60% of intimate partner homicides of women involve a firearm. The risk of violence involving a gun is typically the most extreme when abuse is reported to law enforcement or when a victim files for protection in the courts, she said.

In Connecticut, more than 37% of women and 33% of men will experience physical or sexual violence or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lives, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Nationwide, rates of domestic violence and intimate part-

ner homicides have skyrocketed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This law, said Valente, “would make significant progress in reducing firearms fatalities in domestic violence cases” by filling significant gaps, like a lack of protection for people who experience violence by people who haven’t married, lived with or had kids with their abusers — or the so-called “stalking loophole” which lets dating partners with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions and those with misdemeanor stalking convictions buy guns.

Holly Sullivan, president of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League was also in

Washington Wednesday. She argued that Gellatly was not abiding by the law, so this law would not have helped save Jackson’s life. Valente said that based on years of research and expertise, she feels confident that it would have, and that research has shown a reduction in homicide rates in states that have passed similar laws at a local level.

Sullivan also told the subcommittee she worries the law would take weapons of defense out of the hands of women who wish to protect themselves, a concern ranking member Sen. Ted Cruz shared.

Cruz said that disarming people in situations where they are at risk of being

harmed would increase the possibility of violence or homicide.

Blumenthal asked Valente if she noticed any language in the bill that would prevent domestic violence victims from arming themselves if they wished to do so. Valente said no, but added that she and her colleagues in domestic violence prevention encourage domestic violence victims not to possess firearms.

Studies show that having a gun in the house at all increases the likelihood of an intimate partner homicide because the abuser is likely to gain control of the weapon, said Valente.

Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon said taking guns away from people who use them properly was not their objective.

“What our bill is talking about is not taking gun rights from law-abiding citizens, its about closing a dangerous loophole that has put at risk American families,” he said.

Wyden told the story of the law’s other namesake, Nicolette Elias.

Elias, he said, was a protective mom of two young daughters who was shot to death in front of her children by her ex-husband. At the time of her death, she had an emergency protective restraining order.

Wyden said that Elias “did everything possible to protect herself and her daughters” by reporting her ex-husband’s threats, abuse and gun ownership and worked out emergency safety plans with friends and neighbors. Yet, despite the restraining order, there was no legal requirement to prohibit his access to guns and Elias was the victim of “a monumental tragedy.”

She was shot seven times in southwest Portland by her ex-husband, who then took his own life.

“Nobody should have to endure what Nicolette’s family has endured,” said Wyden, adding that too many families, too many people around the U.S. know exactly what that scenario feels like.

Wyden said he thinks Congress has a moral obligation to close the gaps and “should have eliminated the loopholes that leave women in the crosshairs of violent spouses and partners with guns a long time ago.”

The hearing was the fourth in a series Blumenthal, chair of the Senate Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee, is holding to examine constitutional and commonsense efforts to prevent gun violence.

Blumenthal also acknowledged the recent mass shooting in Buffalo and spiking rates of homicide across the nation, calling it a time “of relentless carnage” in the nation. He said he hopes the recent spikes in gun violence will prompt bipartisan action and remind lawmakers to honor the memories of victims like Jackson with action.

While she struggled to compose herself as she told her sister’s story, Mason said that her sister, a shy but silly woman with a contagious laugh and a generous heart, could have survived if the proposed law now named for her had been in place eight years ago.

“The bill named after my sister would have made a difference, it would have saved her life. It’s too late for Lori, but this law can and will make a difference in another family’s story.”

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a big heart who was a loving friend to many. He loved his school, Fairfield Prep, and he excelled as an athlete in every sport he chose. He

played football and lacrosse for Fairfield Prep and as a youth for Shelton and Connecticut Wolves as well.

“He understood the meaning of being part of a team. His loyalty and support of his team members were known to

all, and his teammates and coaches treasured his dedication and willingness to work hard so that the team could be the very best it could possibly be.”

A walk-through visitation is scheduled for Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the Egan

Chapel of Saint Ignatius of Loyola at Fairfield University. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main St., Trumbull, on Friday at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made

to Fairfield College Preparatory School, 1073 North Benson Road., Fairfield, CT 06824 in memory of Jimmy McGrath. To leave an online condolence, visit abriola.com.

A GoFundMe fundraiser that has been set up

in honor of James “Jimmy” McGrath has raised more than \$112,000, with donations from more than 1,300 people.

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U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduates celebrate by throwing their hats Wednesday. Vice President Kamala Harris spoke before the commencement at Cadet Memorial Field in New London. SEAN FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Harris

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based order, calling it one of the United States’ “defining missions.”

“Over time, this order has been tried. This order has been tested. And far too often, this order has been taken for granted,” Harris said. “Frankly, sometimes we forget how rare it is in human history to have a period of relative peace and stability among nations.”

Earlier this month, Harris used the commencement address at Tennessee State University in Nashville to urge graduates to apply their leadership skills to help tackle the multitude of challenges posed by an unsettled world.

In her speech at the historically Black university, Harris said the Class of 2022 stands “on the brink of a new frontier,” pointing to the prospects of more breakthroughs in technology and medical research.

But with war raging in Ukraine, the risks from climate change and basic freedoms under threat in the United States, graduates are stepping off into an uncertain future, she said at Tennessee



Vice President Kamala Harris lifts the school sceptor at the conclusion of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s 141st commencement exercises Wednesday in New London. At left is Carolyn Ziegler, the last cadet of the 250 to graduate. STEPHEN DUNN/AP

State.

Last year, Harris delivered a commencement speech at the U.S. Naval Academy. President Joe Biden is scheduled

to deliver the commencement address at this year’s Naval Academy graduation.

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy said 252 new offi-

cers graduated, as did nine international students in its 141st commencement exercises.

The academy said its class

of 2022 included 87 cadets from “underrepresented minority groups including the largest number of Asian American and Pacific Island-

ers to graduate” in academy history.

The academy noted that 2022 marked the “second highest number of cadets to commission into the Coast Guard in addition to 21 Cyber Systems graduates, the first to graduate from the newly instituted major to meet the needs of the service’s cyber-security strategy of defending cyber space, enabling operations, and protecting infrastructure.”

“The new officers will begin to serve as leaders in a variety of operational roles throughout the Coast Guard, mostly on cutters,” the service academy said in a release.

The nine graduating international cadets are from Cambodia, Iceland, Jordan, Mexico, Madagascar, Palau, Panama, Rwanda and Ukraine; they will serve in their respective countries of origin, according to the academy.

“We view our cadets as our eyes and ears and hands and hearts, wherever you serve,” Harris said. “You are doing the critical work — you will be doing the critical work to protect our country, to advance our interests, and to shape the trajectory of world affairs.”

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a job well done, people are struggling, and he could have done more to help, but he didn’t.”

In a rare news conference with the Capitol press corps, Stefanowski criticized Lamont on a wide variety of issues from taxes to spending to parental notification on abortion.

He said that Lamont’s wife, Annie, should release her tax returns because her venture capital company has invested in two companies with ties to the state government that her husband oversees.

“I don’t know that I’ve ever seen anybody married filing separately,” Stefanowski told reporters. “You know why he did that? Because he doesn’t want to disclose his wife’s finances. ... The people of

Connecticut deserve to see what her income looks like.”

But Lewis responded that there are no plans for Annie Lamont to release her tax returns.

Stefanowski said that the state is being hurt economically by the state highway tax on large trucks, but the tax does not begin until January 1, 2023.

“Gov. Lamont’s truck tax, which is passed on to trucks, which they then pass onto the price of goods for Connecticut residents, is costing \$500 a year,” Stefanowski told reporters. “It costs \$100 to fill your gas tank and \$1,000 to fill your oil tank.”

Concerning abortion, Stefanowski said, “I believe in parental notification. I think we should have it. I would question why the governor doesn’t think that the parents of a 14-year-old girl don’t have the right to

have a discussion with her. ... My position on this is mainstream.”

But state Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, co-chairwoman of the legislature’s Reproductive Rights Caucus who appeared at the Capitol after the news conference, said, “Notification is a slippery slope to consent. ... We have strong policies in place. We have counseling in place for children who feel as though they cannot speak to a parent about accessing abortion. That policy has been in place for years. We stand by it. ... He’s playing into the anti-choice playbook.”

In his latest television commercial that was released this week, Stefanowski ripped into Lamont.

“People are tired of this rhetoric coming out of the state government - that everything’s fine,” Stefanowski says during the

30-second ad. “Well, you know what? It’s not fine.”

A narrator then says, “Skyrocketing utility bills, rising crime, corruption that steals your tax dollars. That’s the Lamont record.”

Stefanowski concludes the ad by saying, “I will make Connecticut work for everyone, not just the political insiders, but everyone.”

Lamont’s campaign fired back quickly against Stefanowski, saying that some of the ad is false.

“Still lacking a strategy, plan or meaningful vision to move Connecticut forward, Bob stooped to a new low early in this election by resorting to the tactics he knows best: desperation and distraction,” said Lewis.

“While Bob peddles fiction about the current state of Connecticut, the facts are Governor Lamont worked tirelessly to pass a historic budget that included the

largest tax cut in Connecticut history, while making significant investments in education, crime prevention and job training.”

The commercials are expected to continue in an expensive race between two multi-millionaire former business executives. Stefanowski has pledged to spend \$10 million of his own money, while Lamont has already spent more than \$40 million of his own money on three statewide runs for office in 2006, 2010, and 2018.

At the same time, Stefanowski is still raising money from contributors. He will hold a fundraiser on June 14 in Canton with Republican Governors Association chairman Pete Ricketts of Nebraska, who recently said on CNN that he approves banning abortion, including in cases of rape and incest. Stefanowski will

also be holding a major event on June 22 in Branford with New Hampshire Republican Gov. Chris Sununu that has a maximum ticket price of \$3,500 each.

“Nebraska is a pro-life state,” Ricketts said, adding that he would work with the legislature to call a special session if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion decision that many expect after a draft ruling was leaked recently.

Stefanowski has continued blasting Lamont on bread-and-butter economic issues that are facing working families. On Monday, Stefanowski tweeted, “Connecticut just recorded its highest average price for gas ever at \$4.54 per gallon, surpassing the national average gas price.”

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Nearly 1,000 in steel mill surrender

Russian soldier on trial pleads guilty to killing civilian

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi and Ciaran McQuillan
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Nearly 1,000 last-ditch Ukrainian fighters who had held out inside Mariupol's pulverized steel plant have surrendered, Russia said Wednesday, as the battle that turned the city into a worldwide symbol of defiance and suffering drew toward a close.

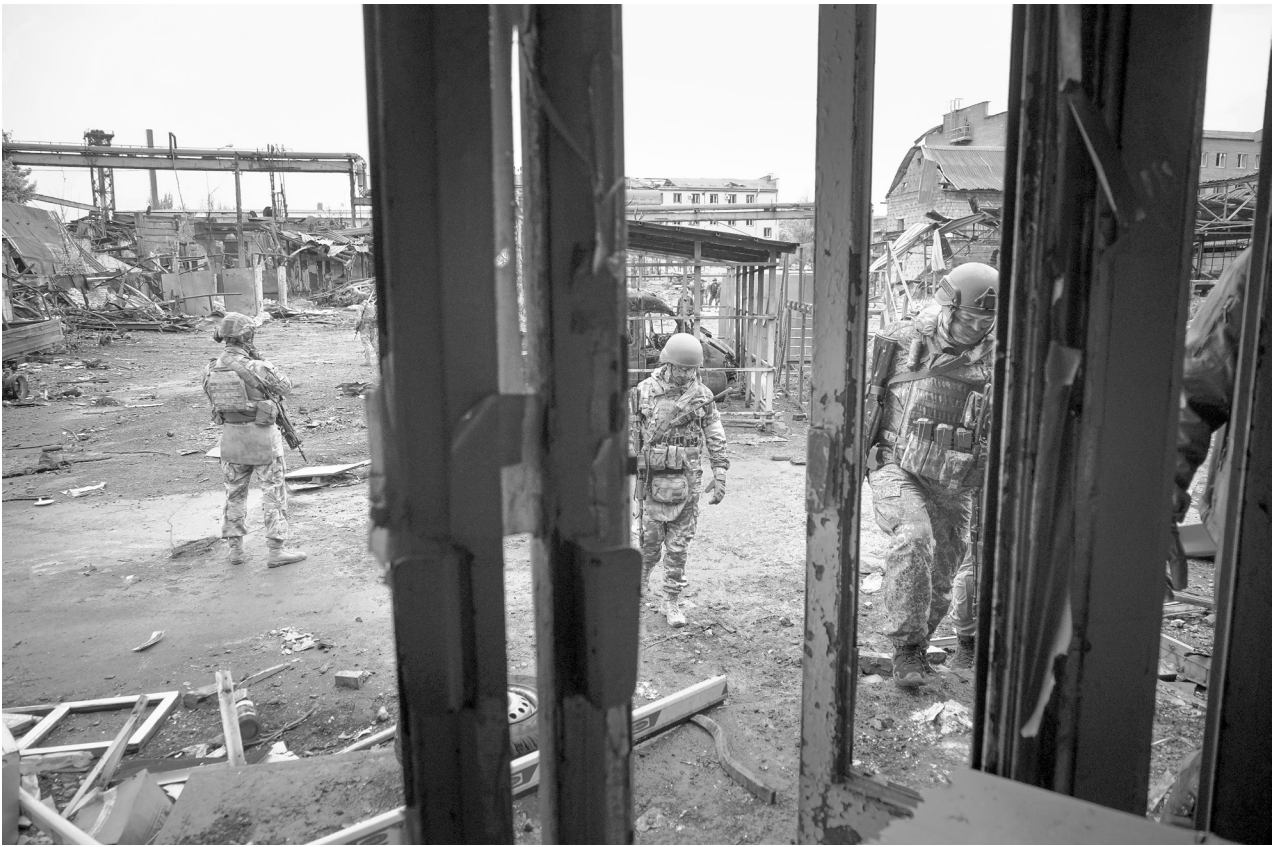
Meanwhile, the first captured Russian soldier to be put on trial by Ukraine on war crimes charges pleaded guilty to killing a civilian and could get life in prison.

The Ukrainian fighters who emerged from the ruined Azovstal steelworks after being ordered by their military to abandon the last stronghold of resistance in the now-flattened port city face an uncertain fate.

Some were taken by the Russians to a former penal colony in territory controlled by Moscow-backed separatists.

While Ukraine said it hopes to get the soldiers back in a prisoner swap, Russia threatened to put some of them on trial for war crimes.

Amnesty International said the Red Cross should be given immediate access to the fighters. Denis Krivosheev, Amnesty's deputy director for the region, cited lawless executions allegedly carried out by Russian forces in Ukraine and said the Azovstal



Russian soldiers on Wednesday walk through the wreckage of the steel works that was under siege in Mariupol, Ukraine. AP

defenders “must not meet the same fate.”

It was unclear how many fighters remained inside the plant's labyrinth of tunnels and bunkers, where 2,000 were believed to be holed up at one point. A separatist leader in the region said no top commanders had emerged from the steelworks.

The plant was the only thing standing in the way of Russia declaring the full capture of Mariupol. Its fall would make Mariupol the biggest Ukrainian city to be taken by Moscow's forces, giving a boost to Russian President Vladimir Putin in a war where many of his

plans have gone awry.

Military analysts, though, said the city's capture at this point would hold more symbolic importance than anything else, since Mariupol is already effectively under Moscow's control and most of the Russian forces that were tied down by the fighting have left.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said 959 Ukrainian troops have abandoned the stronghold since they started coming out Monday.

Video showed the fighters carrying out their wounded on stretchers and undergoing pat-down searches

before being taken away on buses escorted by military vehicles bearing the pro-Kremlin “Z” sign.

In a sign of normalcy returning to Kyiv, the U.S. Embassy reopened Wednesday, one month after Russian forces abandoned their bid to seize the capital and three months after the outpost was closed. A dozen embassy employees watched solemnly as the American flag was raised.

“The Ukrainian people, with our security assistance, have defended their homeland in the face of Russia's unconscionable invasion, and, as a result, the Stars and Stripes are flying over

the Embassy once again,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. Other Western countries have been reopening their embassies in Kyiv as well.

In the war crimes case in Kyiv, Russian Sgt. Vadim Shishimarin, a 21-year-old member of a tank unit, pleaded guilty to shooting an unarmed 62-year-old Ukrainian man in the head through a car window in the opening days of the war. Ukraine's top prosecutor has said some 40 more war crimes cases are being readied.

Mariupol's defenders grimly clung to the steel mill for months and against

the odds, preventing Russia from completing its occupation of the city and its port.

Its full capture would give Russia an unbroken land bridge to the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014. It also would allow Russia to focus fully on the larger battle for the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial east.

For Ukraine, the order to the fighters to surrender could leave President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's government open to allegations it abandoned the troops he described as heroes.

“Zelenskyy may face unpleasant questions,” said Volodymyr Fesenko, who heads the independent Penta think tank in Kyiv. “There have been voices of discontent and accusations of betraying Ukrainian soldiers.”

Russia's main federal investigative body said it intends to interrogate the surrendering troops to “identify the nationalists” and determine whether they were involved in crimes against civilians.

Also, Russia's top prosecutor asked the country's Supreme Court to designate Ukraine's Azov Regiment among the troops that made up the Azovstal garrison as a terrorist organization. The regiment has roots in the far right.

Mariupol was a target of the Russians from the outset. The city — its prewar population of about 430,000 now reduced by about three-quarters — has largely been reduced to rubble by relentless bombardment, and Ukraine says more than 20,000 civilians have been killed there.

Turkey, Hungary leaders delay unity in NATO, EU

Objections center on Kurdish group, new energy system

By Steven Erlanger and Matina Stevis-Gridneff
The New York Times

BRUSSELS — Europe's effort to stand up to Russia and Vladimir Putin, its president, is being slowed by two strongmen leaders insisting on the priority of their national interests and playing to domestic audiences.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey on Wednesday blocked a procedural vote on NATO moving ahead quickly with the membership applications of Sweden and Finland, handed in with much publicity Wednesday, a senior European diplomat said.

And Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary continues to block even a watered-down European Union effort to put an embargo on Russian oil, part of a sixth package of sanctions aimed at Moscow for its war against Ukraine.

While NATO and the EU have shown remarkable unity in their response to Putin's war, the actions of the two authoritarian leaders show the strains building

as the war drags on, peace talks appear to go nowhere, and Western sanctions are contributing to economic pain and high inflation at home, as well as in Russia.

On Wednesday, a meeting of NATO ambassadors could not reach consensus on a first vote to proceed with the requests for membership because Turkey said it first wanted NATO to address its security concerns.

In particular, Turkey wants Finland and especially Sweden to end what Erdogan has called support for “terrorist organizations” in their countries, primarily the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, as well as to lift export bans on certain arms sales to Turkey.

Addressing his lawmakers in Parliament on Wednesday, Erdogan criticized at length Western support for Kurdish groups that Turkey sees as a terrorist threat.

Turkey “asked for 30 terrorists,” he said. “They said: ‘We are not giving them,’” Erdogan told the Parliament. “You won't hand over terrorists but you want to join NATO. We cannot say yes to a security organization that is devoid of security.”

The PKK is a Kurdish guerrilla group that has fought a decadeslong sepa-

ratist insurgency in parts of Turkey. It was designated by the United States as a terrorist organization in 1997.

Erdogan remains angry over support from Washington and Stockholm for a PKK-affiliated militia in Syria, where the group was fighting the Islamic State. And Turkey has demanded the extradition of six alleged PKK members from Finland and 11 alleged PKK members from Sweden.

Erdogan has said these issues cause him to not have “favorable thoughts” about the membership of the Nordic countries. But he has not said that he would veto their applications.

National security is Orban's argument too. Hungary is dependent on Russia for its energy, getting 85% of its natural gas and 65% of its oil supply from Russia, as well as using Russian technology for its nuclear power plants.

While Hungary has approved all previous sanction packages, including an embargo on Russian coal, Orban said an oil embargo would be the equivalent of an “atomic bomb” for the Hungarian economy.

But like Erdogan in NATO, Orban this time is the sole holdout, in his case, in the weekslong EU efforts



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg displays documents as Sweden and Finland applied for membership Wednesday in Brussels, Belgium. JOHANNA GERON/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

to finalize a gradual embargo on Russian oil, the headline measure in a sixth package of sanctions since the invasion of Ukraine.

Talks began in April. After consultation between EU officials and diplomats from the bloc's 27 member states, a proposal was put on the table incorporating different positions in early May.

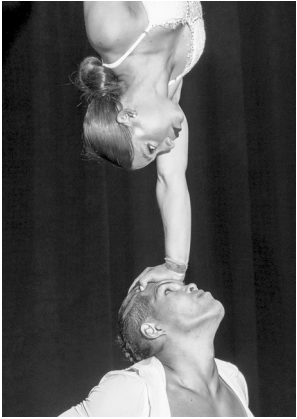
But Hungary seemed to be moving the goal posts. The first proposal gave extensions to Hungary and Slovakia to find alternative suppliers. While the other 25 EU members would

have until the end of the year, Hungary and Slovakia would have through 2023.

Then Hungary demanded, and secured, even more time. The latest version of the package would grant it until the end of 2024, but Orban has insisted that Hungary would need billions from the bloc to shield his nation's economy. His foreign minister, Peter Szijjarto, said that to use different oil and modernize Hungary's energy system would cost \$15.7 billion to \$18.8 billion and take five years.

Diplomats said they expect Orban eventually to acquiesce to an oil embargo, having secured both a long extension and extra funding for Hungary, but that he could drag the talks out even longer, perhaps until the end of the month.

NATO officials expressed the same confidence about Erdogan — that he will eventually agree to back Sweden and Finland joining NATO in return for some concessions that will help him politically at home, with his economy in crisis and new elections only a year away.



Two people audition last month to be part of the new Ringling Bros. circus. ROGER KISBY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Ringling Bros. unveils comeback tour free of animal acts

By Freida Frisaro
Associated Press

MIAMI — “The Greatest Show on Earth” is making a comeback featuring extraordinary humans and no animal acts five years after shutting down its three-ring circus, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey announced Wednesday.

Talent teams have conducted auditions in Argentina, Ethiopia, France, Mongolia and the United States, with more than 1,000

performers applying to join a 50-city North American tour starting in September 2023, and international dates to follow, according to the owner of the historic circus, Feld Entertainment.

“For us, Ringling is about bringing the world's talents to people's hometowns,” said the chief operating officer, Juliette Feld Grossman. “We are entertainment for everyone, and it's important that everyone who comes to the show finds something and someone that they can

really connect and relate to.”

The company heard from fans after ending its 146-year run in 2017 following intense criticism over its use of circus animals, and has considered their comments while reimagining how to “keep the franchise fresh and alive,” she said.

In the new production, audiences will become “co-collaborators” with the performers, bringing them closer to the action and creating a different experience with every show, she

said.

Ringling also wants to “tell the personal stories of the performers,” she said.

“Our performers dedicate their lives to doing often-times risky, very technically challenging and athletic performances, and they do it because they are passionate about it,” she said. “And we want our audience to know more about them to understand how they trained, where they came from, what inspired them to create and develop this particular skill.”

The circus took down its tents after years of declining ticket sales as customers became conflicted about its treatment of circus animals. Costly court battles led to the end of elephant acts in 2016. People for Ethical Treatment of Animals praised the “animal-free revamp” in a statement Wednesday.

Since the closure, it became clear that the circus still “holds a special place in people's hearts,” Feld Grossman said.



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Races show limits to Trump's power

Ex-president's hold over GOP voters tested this season

**By Michael C. Bender
and Maggie Haberman**
The New York Times

NEW YORK — The tumultuous start to the Republican primary season, including a down-to-the-wire Senate race that divided conservatives in Pennsylvania, has shown how thoroughly former President Donald Trump has remade his party in his image — and the limits of his control over his creation.

In each of the most contentious primary races this month — including two closely watched contests next week in Alabama and Georgia — nearly every candidate has run a campaign modeled on the former president's. Their websites and advertisements are filled with his images. They promote his policies, and many repeat his false claims about election fraud in 2020.

But Trump's power over GOP voters is has proved to be less commanding.

Candidates endorsed by Trump lost governor's races in Idaho and Nebraska and a House race in North Carolina. In Senate contests in Ohio (where his pick won this month) and Pennsylvania (which remained too close to call Wednesday), roughly 70% of Republicans voted against his endorsement. In contests next week, his chosen candidates for Georgia governor and Alabama senator trail.

Trump increasingly appears to be chasing his supporters as much as marshaling them. Republican voters' distrust of authority and appetite for hard-line politics — traits Trump once capitalized on — have worked against him. Some have come to see the



president they elected to lead an insurgency as an establishment figure inside his own movement.

Trumpism is ascendant in the Republican Party, with or without Trump, said Ken Spain, a Republican strategist and former National Republican Congressional Committee official.

“The so-called MAGA movement is a bottom-up movement,” Spain said, “not ... from the top down.”

The primaries are not the first time that conservative voters in Trump's red-capped constituency

have demonstrated their independence from the patriarch of the Make America Great Again movement.

In August, at one of Trump's largest post-presidential campaign rallies, the crowd booed after he urged them to get vaccinated against COVID-19. In January, some of the most influential voices in Trump's orbit openly criticized his pick for a House seat in Tennessee, Morgan Housley — who had served in the Trump administration for two years as State Department spokesperson but was deemed

insufficiently MAGA.

These mini-rebellions have tended to flare up whenever Trump's supporters view his directives or endorsements as not Trumpy enough.

“There’s no obvious heir apparent when it comes to America First; it’s still him,” said Kellyanne Conway, Trump’s White House counselor. “But people feel they can love him and intend to follow him into another presidential run — and not agree with all of his choices this year.”

Still, Republican candi-

dates remain desperate to win Trump's endorsement.

In Georgia's Senate race, Trump's support for Herschel Walker kept serious rivals away. In some contested races, his endorsement has proved to be hugely influential, as it was in North Carolina's Senate primary Tuesday, where Rep. Ted Budd cruised to victory against a former governor and a former congressman.

But the emergence of an autonomous wing of the MAGA movement — one more uncompromising than Trump — has allowed

candidates without Trump's endorsement to claim the mantle.

“MAGA does not belong to President Trump,” Kathy Barnette said during a Pennsylvania Senate primary debate in April.

The late surge from Barnette, who portrayed herself as a higher-octane version of Trump, eroded support for Dr. Mehmet Oz, the longtime TV personality whom Trump endorsed, from conservatives who questioned his political credentials. As a result, Oz was running neck-and-neck with David McCormick, the hedge fund executive who had withstood criticism from Trump. Still, Oz held about one-third of the vote.

Barnette's rise stunned Trump, who never considered endorsing her candidacy, advisers said.

Advisers have urged Trump to make up with former primary rivals. But the former president has not called Jim Pillen, the Republican nominee for governor in Nebraska who beat Trump's preferred candidate, Charles Herbster. In Ohio, about 718,000 Republicans voted for someone other than the Trump-endorsed victor, J.D. Vance.

In the Pennsylvania governor's race, Trump backed Doug Mastriano last week over Lou Barletta, a former congressman and early supporter of Trump's 2016 campaign.

“Where ... is the loyalty?” former Rep. Tom Marino, another early Trump 2016 supporter, said last week.

“Loyalty to what?” Trump said Monday.

He criticized Barletta for losing a 2018 Senate bid and not fighting harder to back Trump's bogus claims that Democrats stole the 2020 presidential election.

"My loyalty is to a guy that was in there fighting," Trump said. "And Mastriano was the guy that was fighting."

Mastriano won Tuesday.

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‘These people were just shopping’

Run to the market ends with 10 Black voices now silent

By Carolyn Thompson and Matt Sedensky Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — They were caregivers and protectors and helpers, running an errand or doing a favor or finishing a shift, when their paths crossed with a young man driven by racism and hatred and baseless conspiracy theories.

In a flash, the ordinariness of their day was broken at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, where in and around the supermarket’s aisles, a symbol of the mundane was transformed into a scene of mass murder.

Carts lay abandoned. Bodies littered the floor. Police radios crackled with calls for help.

Investigators will try, for days to come, to piece together the massacre that killed 10 people, all Black and apparently hunted for the color of their skin.

Those who loved them are left with their memories of the lost, who suffered death amid the simple task of buying groceries.

“These people were just shopping,” said Steve Carlson, 29, mourning his 72-year-old neighbor Katherine Massey, who checked in often, giving him gifts on his birthday and at Christmas, and pressing money into his hand when he helped with yardwork. “They went to go get food to feed their families.”

One came from volunteering at a food bank. Another had been tending to her husband at his nursing home. Most were in their 50s and beyond, and were destined for more, even if just the dinner they planned to make.

Shonnell Harris, a manager at the store, was stocking shelves when she heard the first of what she figured must have been



Wayne Jones, holding his son Donell, speaks about his mother Celestine Chaney. She was one of 10 Black people killed in a mass shooting Saturday at a supermarket in Buffalo, N.Y. She had gone there looking to buy shortcakes. **MATT ROURKE/AP PHOTOS**

more than 70 shots. She ran for the back door, stumbling a few times along the way. She wondered where her daughter, a grocery clerk, was, and went around to the front of the store.

She saw someone being shot, she said, and a man who looked like he was dressed for the Army.

“Like a nightmare,” Harris told The Buffalo News, shaken but grateful to have found her daughter safe.

The grisly scene was broadcast online by the gunman, a video notable not just for the cold-bloodedness of the killings, but how fast they unfolded. In the deafening rat-a-tat of gunfire, 10 voices were silenced, their stories left for others to recite.

Of a woman whose niece swore she was “the apple of God’s eye.” Of a longtime policeman who became a guard at the store and whose



Angela Crawley, left, and Robin Harris hold hands at a news conference Monday in Buffalo. Their mother, Ruth Whitfield, 86, was killed after visiting her husband in a nursing home.

son knew he died a hero. Of an ace baker who’d give you the shirt off her back.

Garnell Whitfield Jr., whose 86-year-old mother Ruth Whitfield was killed in the attack, said she had come to Tops after her daily ritual

of visiting her husband of 68 years in his nursing home. In so many ways, for so many years, Whitfield Jr. said his mother had devoted her life to those she loved.

“That day was like every other day for my mom,”

he said this week as he pondered how to break the news to his father.

Heyward Patterson, a 67-year-old deacon at State Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, was similarly doing the things he’d long been known for. He had just come from helping at his church’s soup kitchen and now was at Tops, volunteering in the community jitney service that shuttles people without a ride to and from the store.

Pastor Russell Bell of the Tabernacle Church said he believed Patterson had been loading someone’s groceries into his trunk when the shots took him down.

“Anywhere he was, he was encouraging people to be the best that they could be,” Bell said.

As customers arrived at Tops ahead of the shooting, their purpose was clear.

Roberta Drury, 32, was

in search of something for dinner. Andre Mackneil, 53, came to pick up a cake for his son’s third birthday. Celestine Chaney, 65, needed some shortcake to go with the strawberries she sliced.

For some in the store, it was likely a trip of necessity, to fill an emptied fridge or get a missing ingredient. For Chaney, though, it was more than some stubborn chore. Stores were her passion.

Her 48-year-old son, Wayne Jones, said he’d typically take his mother shopping each week, stopping at grocery store after grocery store in search of the best deals, with the occasional stop for a hot dog or McDonald’s.

“We’d hit four or five stores looking for a deal,” he laughed even as his face was wet with tears.

On Saturday, it was Chaney’s older sister, JoAnn Daniels, 74, who accompanied her shopping, and the two sisters made a meandering trip through Tops’ aisles. Chaney knew she needed shortcakes, but flitting around the store, she decided she wanted to make shrimp salad, too, giggling with her sister as they filled the cart. She surveyed the roast beef and complained about the price of rolls before taking interest in chicken legs.

“You done?” she finally asked her sister, who said she was.

Shots suddenly rang out. The sisters thought they were firecrackers, but others started running. They went to follow, but Chaney was knocked down. Daniels said she reached to help, but her sister said she was fine.

“I’m coming,” Daniels said her sister assured. She thought Chaney was behind her.

It would be hours before she learned the truth, when her nephew saw the video of the shooting: Her baby sister, who had survived breast cancer and three surgeries for aneurysms, died on a trip to the grocery store.



Gabe Kipers kneels at a memorial for his neighbor Dr. John Cheng outside Cheng’s office building Tuesday in Aliso Viejo, Calif. Cheng, 52, was killed Sunday. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

Calif. physician who fought gunman recalled as selfless

By Amy Taxin and Julie Watson Associated Press

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. — He was known by all as simply Dr. John, the quiet, calm physician who mentored kids in Kung Fu, finding time between patient appointments to encourage people to learn self-defense. So it was no surprise to friends and colleagues that John Cheng spent his final moments saving others by rushing a gunman who opened fire on a Southern California church of mostly older Taiwanese people, including Cheng’s recently widowed mother.

The 52-year-old father of two was known for doing all he could to protect people. He was concerned enough about the growing number of mass shootings that he had taken safety courses to prepare himself for a situation like the one that cost him his life Sunday.

“It was characteristic of Dr. Cheng to charge forward at that gunman,” said Erica Triplett, Cheng’s office manager. “It does not surprise any of us. Dr. Cheng exemplified what he

was built for — his heroism that saved so many people not only at that church, but throughout his career.”

The family and sports medicine physician was like family to the staff and he encouraged them to learn kung fu, believing it was important for people to know self-defense, his friends and colleagues said. He learned how to handle a gun for that same reason.

That preparedness combined with Cheng’s serene disposition likely gave him a proclivity for acting heroically, according to active shooter experts. Most people in those situations freeze.

Authorities credit Cheng’s quick action with saving perhaps dozens of lives at a celebratory luncheon at Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, which worships at Geneva Presbyterian Church in the Orange County community of Laguna Woods.

Prosecutors say the gunman, David Chou, 68, of Las Vegas, was motivated by hatred of Taiwan, where he was born and grew up after his family was forced from mainland China when Communists took control.

Chou spent about an hour with attendees at the luncheon, apparently to gain their trust so he could execute his plot, authorities said. He chained doors shut and glued locks. He had two handguns, four Molotov-cocktail-type incendiary devices and ammunition.

When Chou began shooting, Cheng charged him and was shot. He died at the scene, but his quick action disrupted the shooter, who was then hit by a chair thrown by the church’s former pastor, Billy Chang, and jumped on by three members of the congregation who used an extension cord to tie him up until police arrived.

Cheng was the only one killed. Five others were wounded, including four men ages 66 to 92 and an 86-year-old woman. All were either released from the hospital or in stable condition.

Sheriff Don Barnes called Cheng’s heroism “a meeting of good versus evil.”

“Dr. Cheng’s selfless love for others stopped a hate-filled act from claiming more lives beyond his own,” Barnes said in a tweet.

A third of US should consider indoor masking, officials say

By Zeke Miller and Mike Stobbe Associated Press

WASHINGTON — COVID-19 cases are increasing in the United States — and could get even worse over the coming months, federal health officials warned Wednesday in urging areas hardest hit to consider reissuing calls for indoor masking.

Increasing numbers of COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations are putting more of the country under guidelines issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that call for masking and other infection precautions.

Right now, about a third of the U.S. population lives in areas that are considered at higher risk — mostly in the Northeast and Midwest. Those are areas where people should already be considering wearing masks indoors — but Americans elsewhere should also take notice, officials said.

“Prior increases of infections, in different waves of infection, have demonstrated that this travels across the country,” said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC director, said at a White House briefing with reporters.

For an increasing number of areas, “we urge local leaders to encourage use of prevention strategies like masks in public indoor settings and increasing access to testing and treatment,” she said.

However, officials were cautious about making concrete predictions, saying how much worse the pandemic gets will depend on several factors, including to what degree previous infections will protect against new variants.

Last week, White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha warned in an interview that the U.S. will be increasingly vulnerable to the coronavirus this



Some people wear masks Tuesday inside a New York City store. All five of the city’s boroughs are on a “high” COVID-19 alert level following a surge in cases. **SPENCER PLATT/GETTY**

fall and winter if Congress doesn’t swiftly approve new funding for more vaccines and treatments.

Jha warned that without additional federal funding, the virus would cause “unnecessary loss of life” in the fall and winter, when the U.S. runs out of treatments.

He added the U.S. was falling behind other nations in securing supplies of the next generation of COVID-19 vaccines and the domestic manufacturing base of at-home tests is shrinking as demand drops off.

Jha said domestic test manufacturers have started shuttering lines and laying off workers, and in the coming weeks will begin to sell equipment and prepare to exit the business of producing tests unless the government has money to purchase more tests, like the hundreds of millions it has sent to requesting households this year.

That would leave the U.S. reliant on other countries for testing supplies, risking shortages during a surge, Jha warned. About 8.5 million households placed orders for the latest tranche of eight free tests since ordering opened on Monday, Jha added.

The pandemic is 2 ½

years old. And the U.S. has seen — depending how you count them — five waves of COVID-19 during that time, with the later surges driven by mutated versions of the coronavirus. A fifth wave occurred mainly in December and January, caused by the omicron variant, which spread much more easily than earlier versions.

Some experts are worried the country now is seeing signs of a sixth wave, driven by an omicron subvariant. On Wednesday, Walensky noted a steady increase in COVID-19 cases in the past five weeks, including a 26% increase nationally in the last week.

Hospitalizations are up 19% in the past week, she said.

In late February, as that wave was ebbing, the CDC released a new set of measures for communities where COVID-19 was easing its grip, with less of a focus on positive test results and more on what’s happening at hospitals.

Officials said they are concerned that waning immunity and relaxed mitigation measures across the country may contribute to a continued rise in infections. They encouraged people — particularly older adults — to get boosters.

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Biden invokes Defense Production Act in shortage of baby formula

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Wednesday invoked the Defense Production Act to speed production of infant formula and authorized flights to import supply from overseas, as he faces mounting political pressure over a domestic shortage caused by the safety-related closure of the country's largest formula manufacturing plant. The Defense Production Act order requires suppliers of formula manufacturers to fulfill orders from those companies before other customers, in an effort to eliminate production bottlenecks. Biden is also authorizing the Defense Department to use commercial aircraft to fly formula supplies that

meet federal standards from overseas to the U.S. Supplies of baby formula across the country have been curtailed in recent weeks after a February recall by Abbott Nutrition exacerbated ongoing supply chain disruptions among formula makers, leaving fewer options on store shelves. The announcement comes two days after the Food and Drug Administration said it was streamlining its review process to make it easier for foreign manufacturers to begin shipping more formula into the U.S. Regulators said Monday that they'd reached a deal to allow Abbott Nutrition to restart its Sturgis, Michigan, plant, the nation's largest formula plant, which has been closed since February due to contamination issues. The company must

overhaul its safety protocols and procedures before resuming production. After getting the FDA's OK, Abbott said it will take eight to 10 weeks before new products begin arriving in stores. The company didn't set a timeline to restart manufacturing. The White House actions came as the Democratic-led House approved two bills Wednesday addressing the shortage. One bill passed by a vote of 414-9. It would give the secretary of the Agriculture Department the ability to issue a narrow set of waivers in the event of a supply disruption. The other measure, a \$28 million emergency spending bill to boost resources at the FDA, passed by a mostly party-line vote of 231-192. It's unclear whether the Senate will go along.

Markets plunge as misses by retailers fuel investors' fears

By Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank more than 1,100 points and the S&P 500 had its biggest drop in nearly two years Wednesday, as big earnings misses by Target and other major retailers stoked investors' fears that surging inflation could cut deeply into corporate profits. The broad sell-off erased gains from a solid rally a day earlier, the latest volatile day-to-day swing for stocks in recent weeks amid a deepening market slump. The S&P 500 dropped 4%, its sharpest decline since June 2020. The benchmark index is now down more than 18% from the record high it reached at the beginning of the year. That's shy of the 20% decline that's considered a bear market. The Dow dropped 3.6%, while the Nasdaq fell 4.7%. The three indexes are on pace to extend a string of at least six weekly losses.

“A lot of people are trying to guess the bottom,” said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA. “Bottoms occur when there's nobody left to sell.” The S&P 500 fell 165.17 points to 3,923.68, while the Dow slid 1,164.52 points to 31,490.07. The Nasdaq slid 566.37 points to 11,418.15. Smaller company stocks also fell sharply. The Russell 2000 fell 65.45 points, or 3.6%, to 1,774.85. Retailers were among the biggest decliners Wednesday after Target plunged following a grim quarterly earnings report. Target lost a quarter of its value after reporting earnings that fell far short of analysts' forecasts. In a sign of the impact of inflation, particularly on shipping costs, Target said its operating margin for the first quarter was 5.3%. It had been



A customer shops Wednesday at a Target in Miami, Florida. The Minnesota-based retailer lost a quarter of its value following a weak earnings report. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

expecting 8% or higher. The company also said consumers returned to more normal spending habits, switching away from TVs and appliances and buying more toys and travel-related items. The report comes a day after Walmart said its profit took a hit from higher costs. The nation's largest retailer fell 6.8%, adding to its losses from Tuesday. The weak reports stoked concerns that persistently rising inflation is putting a tighter squeeze on a wide range of businesses and could cut deeper into their profits. “These retailers are having to balance how much of the higher inflation to pass on to consumers versus eating it, so that goes into questions about profitability on the part of companies and that gets to some of these lingering valuation questions for the market,” said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at All Star Charts. Other big retailers also racked up hefty losses. Dollar Tree fell 14.4% and Dollar General slid 11.1%. Best Buy fell 10.5% and Amazon fell 7.2%. Technology stocks, which led the market rally a day earlier, were the biggest drag on the S&P 500. Apple lost

5.6%. All told, more than 95% of stocks in the S&P 500 closed lower. Utilities also weighed down the index, though not nearly as much as the other 10 sectors, as investors shifted money to investments that are considered less risky. Bond yields fell as investors shifted money into lower-risk investments. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.88% from 2.97% late Tuesday. The disappointing report from Target comes a day after the market cheered an encouraging report from the Commerce Department that showed retail sales rose in April, driven by higher sales of cars, electronics, and more spending at restaurants. Stocks have been struggling to pull out of a slump over the last six weeks as concerns pile up for investors. Trading has been choppy on a daily basis and any data on retailers and consumers is being closely monitored by investors as they try to determine the impact from inflation and whether it will prompt a slowdown in spending. A bigger-than-expected hit to spending could signal more sluggish economic growth ahead.

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BUSINESS

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Disinformation board on hold after GOP backlash

Expert quits as DHS issues pause amid criticism, questions on free speech rights

By Nomaan Merchant and Amanda Seitz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security paused its new disinformation governance board Wednesday and the board’s director will resign, following weeks of criticism from Republicans and questions about whether the board would impinge on free speech rights.

While the board was not formally shuttered, it will be reviewed by members of a DHS advisory council that’s expected to make recommendations in 75 days.

Nina Jankowicz, picked to lead the board, wrote in her resignation letter that the board’s future was “uncertain,” according to her letter, obtained by The Associated Press.

Federal and state agencies treat disinformation as a national security threat. But the new board was hampered from the start by questions about its purpose and an uneven rollout that further confused its mission. The phrase “Ministry of Truth — a refer-

ence to George Orwell’s “1984” — has repeatedly trended online in discussions about the board.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas made the decision in response to the cumulative negative reaction and growing concerns that it was distracting from the department’s other work on disinformation, according to two department officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

“The Board has been grossly and intentionally mischaracterized: it was never about censorship or policing speech in any manner,” the department said in a statement. “It was designed to ensure we fulfill our mission to protect the homeland, while protecting core Constitutional rights.”

Conservative pundits and right-leaning media have often focused directly on Jankowicz, a researcher on Russian disinformation named to lead the board. Critics have pointed to statements made by Jankowicz that questioned the provenance of a laptop said to belong to Hunter Biden, the president’s eldest son, and replayed a TikTok video she taped about disinformation to the

tune of a song from “Mary Poppins.”

Some attacks on Jankowicz used sexist and antisemitic slurs. A Fox News personality recently questioned whether Jankowicz should have agreed to lead the board while pregnant.

“It is deeply disappointing that mischaracterizations of the board became a distraction from the Department’s vital work, and indeed, along with recent events globally and nationally, embodies why it is necessary,” Jankowicz wrote in her resignation letter.

DHS officials have described the board as an internal working group intended to study definitions of disinformation across the department.

Russia has tried to influence the last two presidential elections by boosting false stories and using social media to inflame divisions in American society on issues like race and the coronavirus pandemic.

U.S. intelligence officials have also accused China and Iran of orchestrating campaigns to peddle disinformation to Americans.

US, global banks show plan to ease food crisis

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

BONN, Germany — The U.S., several global development banks and other groups Wednesday unveiled a multibillion-dollar plan to stave off a worldwide food security crisis worsened by Russia’s war in Ukraine, a key danger facing an increasingly fragile world economy.

The Feb. 24 invasion has touched off a sharp increase in energy and food prices that are now contributing to a slowdown in growth, prompting Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen to note the risk of stagflation at a news conference.

“The economic outlook globally is challenging and uncertain,” she said ahead of a Group of Seven finance ministers meetings this week. “And higher food and energy prices are having stagflationary effects, namely depressing output and spending and raising inflation all around the world.”

Yellen added that the United States is “best positioned” to meet this economic challenge because of its strong jobs market.

The Treasury Department announced that several global development banks are “working swiftly to bring to bear their financing, policy engagement, technical assistance” to prevent starvation prompted by the war, rising food costs and climate damage to crops.

The Asian Development Bank will contribute funds to feeding Afghanistan and Sri Lanka and the African Development Bank will use \$1.5 billion to assist 20 million African farmers, according to Treasury.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Bank will also contribute tens of billions to support food producers and address supply shortage issues.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Economic forum returns to Davos

GENEVA — After a nearly 2½-year hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Swiss town of Davos is set to again host global elites from business, government and activist groups for the World Economic Forum.

Russia’s war in Ukraine and climate change worries are expected to be on many minds at the event starting Monday as concern over the pandemic ebbs.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy plans to speak virtually.

In the wake of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, forum hosts invited no Russian officials or business leaders this year.

Organizers said more than 2,500 participants are expected to attend, including more than 50 heads of state and government.

Google Russia to seek bankruptcy

LONDON — Google said its Russian subsidiary is planning to file for bankruptcy because it can’t pay staff and suppliers.

Russian state media reported Wednesday that the U.S. tech company’s Russian subsidiary, Google LLC, submitted notice of its intention to declare bankruptcy.

The company said in a statement that it filed for bankruptcy because the “Russian authorities’ seizure of Google Russia’s bank account has made it untenable for our Russia office to function, including employing and paying Russia-based employees, paying suppliers and vendors, and meeting other financial obligations.”

Google said it would continue to provide its free services in Russia, including Search, YouTube, Gmail and its Play app store.

Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in millions per week



Investigators on Monday enter the Buffalo, New York, supermarket where 10 people were killed two days earlier. ROBERT BUMSTED/AP

Painful lessons for tech sites

Platforms better in handling violent videos from shootings, but still have a long way to go

By Barbara Ortutay, Halleluya Hadero and Matt O'Brien
Associated Press

These days, perpetrators of mass shootings like the one in last week’s supermarket attack in Buffalo, New York, don’t stop with planning out their brutal attacks. They also create marketing plans while arranging to livestream their massacres on social platforms in hopes of fomenting more violence.

Sites like Twitter, Facebook and now the game-streaming platform Twitch have learned painful lessons from dealing with the violent videos that often accompany such shootings. But experts are calling for a broader discussion around livestreams, including whether they should exist at all, since once such videos go online, they’re almost impossible to erase completely.

The self-described white supremacist gunman who police say killed 10 people, all of them Black, on Saturday had mounted a camera to his helmet to stream his assault live on Twitch, the video game-streaming platform used in 2019 by another shooter who killed two people at a synagogue in Halle, Germany.

He had previously outlined his plan in a detailed but rambling set of online diary entries that were apparently posted publicly ahead of the attack, although it’s not clear how many people might have seen them. His goal: to inspire copycats and spread his racist beliefs.

He decided against streaming on Facebook, as yet another mass shooter did when he killed 51 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, three years ago. Unlike Twitch, Facebook requires users to sign up for an account in order to watch livestreams.

By most accounts the platforms responded more quickly to halt the spread of the Buffalo video than they did after the 2019 Christchurch shooting, said Megan Squire, a senior fellow and technology expert at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Another Twitch user watching the live video likely flagged it to the attention of Twitch’s content moderators, she said, which would have helped Twitch pull down the stream less than two minutes after the first gunshots per a company spokesperson. Twitch has not said how the video was flagged.

“In this case, they did pretty well,” Squire said. “The fact that the video is so hard to find right now is proof of that.”

In 2019, the Christchurch shooting was streamed live on Facebook for 17 minutes and spread to other platforms. This time,

the platforms generally seemed to coordinate better, particularly by sharing digital “signatures” of the video used to detect and remove copies.

But platform algorithms can have a harder time identifying a copycat video if someone has edited it. That’s created problems, such as when some internet forum users remade the Buffalo video with twisted attempts at humor. Tech companies would have needed to use “more fancy algorithms” to detect those partial matches, Squire said.

Twitch has more than 2.5 million viewers at any given moment; roughly 8 million content creators stream video on the platform each month, according to the company. The site uses a combination of user reports, algorithms and moderators to detect and remove any violence that occurs on the platform.

Looking ahead, platforms may face future moderation complications from a Texas law — reinstated by an appellate court last week — that bans big social media companies from “censoring” users’ viewpoints.

The shooter “had a very specific viewpoint” and the law is unclear enough to create a risk for platforms that moderate people like him, said Jeff Kosseff, an associate professor of cybersecurity law at the U.S. Naval Academy. “It really puts the finger on the scale of keeping up harmful

EU mulls \$315B plan to ditch Russian energy

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union’s executive arm moved Wednesday to jumpstart plans for the 27-nation bloc to abandon Russian energy amid the Kremlin’s war in Ukraine, proposing a nearly \$315 billion package that includes more efficient use of fuels and faster rollout of renewable power.

The European Commission’s investment initiative is meant to help the 27 EU countries start weaning themselves off Russian fossil fuels this year. The goal is to deprive Russia, the EU’s main supplier of oil, natural gas and coal, of tens of billions in revenue and strengthen EU climate policies.

“We are taking our ambition to yet another level to make sure that we become

independent from Russian fossil fuels as quickly as possible,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in Brussels when announcing the package, dubbed REPowerEU.

With no end in sight to the war and European energy security shaken, the EU is rushing to align its geopolitical and climate interests for the coming decades. It comes amid troubling signs that have raised concerns about energy supplies that the EU relies on and have no quick replacements for, including Russia cutting off member nations Poland and Bulgaria after they refused a demand to pay for natural gas in rubles.

The bloc’s dash to ditch Russian energy stems from a combination of voluntary and

mandatory actions. Both reflect the political discomfort of helping fund Russia’s military campaign in a country that neighbors the EU and wants to join the bloc.

An EU ban on coal from Russia is due to start in August, and the bloc has pledged to try to reduce demand for Russian gas by two-thirds by year’s end.

Meanwhile, a proposed EU oil embargo has hit a roadblock from Hungary and other landlocked countries in the bloc that worry about the cost of switching to alternative sources.

In a bid to swing Hungary behind the oil phaseout, the REPowerEU package expects oil investment funding of around \$2.1 billion for member nations highly dependent on Russian oil.

BUSINESS



North Dakota regulators want to make clear where electronic pull tab machines will be allowed. Above, Louis Ressler plays a machine in Bismarck. JAMES MACPHERSON/AP 2021

ND wants to clarify locations for electronic game machines

By James MacPherson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Hoping to head off an explosion of electronic pull tab machines at gas stations and liquor, grocery and convenience stores, North Dakota regulators want to change the definition of a bar to make clear where the popular Las Vegas-style games that mimic slot machines will be allowed.

The state attorney general's office, which oversees gambling in North Dakota, has identified a handful of gas stations and convenience stores that have begun selling and serving booze and are now “masquerading” as bars so that they can put the machines in their businesses, Attorney General Drew Wrigley said.

Wrigley and Deb McDaniel, North Dakota's top gambling regulator, said the idea for the change is to clarify and preserve what they believe the intent of the Legislature was when it defined a bar as a “retail alcoholic beverage establishment where alcoholic beverages are dispensed and consumed.”

The amended language specifies that a bar does not include gas stations and liquor, grocery and convenience stores. A bar in a hotel, bowling alley or restaurant could still have the machines, under the new definition.

The North Dakota Gaming Commission scheduled a Thursday meeting to discuss the proposed changes and to take public comments.

McDaniel said she expects heavy lobbying from the gambling industry to expand the games.

“I still believe we're going to see this in the next legislative session,” McDaniel said.

Lawmakers approved the games in 2017 but they were not launched until August 2018. There are now more than 4,100 of them at some 770 sites around the state.

North Dakotans poured more than \$1.3 billion into e-pull tab machines in fiscal 2021, nearly double the amount spent in the previous fiscal year, data shows.

McDaniel said gamblers are on track to wager \$1.8 billion in the machines in fiscal 2022, which ends June 30.

North Dakota's treasury banked more than \$25.5 million in gambling taxes last fiscal year, or nearly double the amount collected in fiscal 2020, and three times the sum in fiscal 2019.

Charities split an estimated \$130 million last year, up from nearly \$95 million in fiscal 2020, which was a 25% increase from the year before. That money funds everything from youth sports to programs for the needy.

The proliferation and popularity of the games, however, has also raised worries about gambling addiction and the impact on American Indian casinos.

The North Dakota Legislature last year required e-pull tabs and other charitable gambling to contribute \$40,000 annually to gambling treatment programs.

McDaniel said North Dakota's five American Indian reservations are mostly feeling the effect of e-pull tabs. She said casinos on reservations likely have had revenues cut by 60% or more because of the games.

Tribes aren't required to publicly disclose revenues.

Petro-rich states struggle to wean off fossil fuel revenue

By Morgan Lee and Mead Gruver
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Government budgets are booming in New Mexico: Teacher salaries are up, residents can go to an in-state college tuition-free, moms will get medical care for a year after childbirth, and criminal justice initiatives are being funded to reduce urban violence.

The reason behind the spending spree — oil.

New Mexico is the No. 2 crude oil producer among the 50 states and the top recipient of U.S. disbursements for fossil fuel production on federal land.

But a budget flush with petroleum cash has a side effect: It also puts the spotlight on how difficult it is to turn state rhetoric on tackling climate change into reality.

State governments in the nation's top regions for producing oil, natural gas and coal have by far the highest per-capita reliance on fossil fuels — led by Wyoming, North Dakota, Alaska and New Mexico.

The revenue bankrolls essential public services, from highway maintenance to prisons.

In Carlsbad, New Mexico, oil infrastructure property taxes are underwriting a high school performing arts center, expanded sports facilities and elementary

school renovations.

None of that would be possible without oil revenue, said schools superintendent Gerry Washburn.

“We can't slow down in that area and what we do to fund schools until we have a legitimate replacement” for oil and natural gas income, he said. “Whether you're in the middle of the oil patch or in an area with no oil and gas drilling going on, those policies are going to impact revenue in every school district in the state.”

Federal, state and local governments receive an estimated \$138 billion a year from the fossil fuel industry, according to a study from the Washington-based nonpartisan economics group Resources for the Future, which does not advocate on energy policies. That's equivalent to the annual state spending of New York and Texas combined.

The cashflow is dominated by gasoline and diesel retail taxes in every state, but energy-producing states have the deepest dependence on fossil fuel income through a gamut of taxes, royalties, lease sales and fees. Because that revenue helps pay for government services, they tend to tax residents less, said Daniel Raimi, a fellow at Resources for the Future, and co-author of the study.

“That's a really challenging dynamic if you

think about a shift away from fossil fuels,” he said. “They're going to be faced with the question: Do we raise our taxes on our residents or do we reduce the level of services we provide?”

In New Mexico, oil and gas account for 42% of state government income, a share that is rising amid the war in Ukraine and record-setting oil production in the Permian Basin that stretches across southeastern New Mexico and western Texas.

Additional oil income flows to a new interest-bearing trust for early childhood education.

Soaring fossil fuel industry profits also allowed the Democratic-controlled New Mexico Legislature to try to tackle the highest-in-the-nation unemployment rate and persistently high poverty.

Lawmakers provided \$1.1 billion in tax relief and direct payments of up to \$1,500 per household to offset inflation.

At the same time, legislators balked this year at climate initiatives that might restrain petroleum production. They rejected a bill to limit climate-warming pollution in the production and distribution of transportation fuels, a step taken by West Coast states.

New Mexico also shunned a state constitutional amendment for the right to clean air.



Oil rigs near Artesia, N.M. The state is the No. 2 crude producer in the U.S. and the top recipient of U.S. payments for fossil fuel production on federal land. JERI CLAUSING/AP 2014

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, May 19, 2022

↓ DOW
31,490.07 -1,164.52

↓ 10-YR T-BOND
2.88% -.09

↓ GOLD
\$1,815.90 -2.30

10 DAYS

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	109.59	112.40	+45.71%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.37	8.30	+124.34%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.72	3.94	+66.97%

Metals

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,815.90	1,818.20	-.63%
Silver (oz)	21.53	21.74	-7.69%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.2347	.8099
Canada	.7767	1.2875
China	.1480	6.7545
Euro	1.0475	.9547
Japan	.007806	128.11
Mexico	.049888	20.0447

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Prime rate	4.00	4.00	
3-mo. T-Bill	1.04	0.90	
6-mo. T-Bill	1.55	1.43	
5-yr T-Note	2.89	2.91	
10-yr T-Note	2.88	2.91	
30-yr T-Bond	3.07	3.04	

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,007.76	-178.18	-1.26%	-11.82%
London	7,438.09	-80.26	-1.07%	+7.3%
Hong Kong	20,644.28	+41.76	+2.0%	-11.77%
Nikkei	26,911.20	+251.45	+9.4%	-6.53%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	31,490.07	-1,164.52	-13.34%
DOW Trans.	13,691.66	-1,096.25	-16.91%
DOW Util.	991.68	-9.94	+1.11%
NYSE Comp.	15,044.52	-497.39	-12.35%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,418.15	-566.37	-27.02%
S&P 500	3,923.68	-165.17	-17.68%
S&P 400	2,395.68	-93.76	-15.70%
Wilshire 5000	38,983.38	-1,634.22	-19.56%
Russell 2000	1,774.85	-65.45	-20.95%

Stocks of Local Interest							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.76	-1.14	-53.1	Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	53.71	-2.29	-21.3
AT&T Inc (T)	20.23	-.34	-17.8	M&T Bank (MTB)	165.70	-5.04	+7.9
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	96.28	-6.19	-33.1	MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	33.00	-2.69	-26.5
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	24.45	-.79	-75.7	MetLife Inc (MET)	63.32	-1.67	+1.3
AgrifORCE Gr Sys Ltd (AGRI)	2.92	+2.4	+40.4	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	254.08	-12.12	-24.5
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.89	-.93	-6.0	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.05	-.09	-79.9
Amphenol Corp (APH)	67.97	-3.14	-22.3	Novartis AG (NVS)	87.68	-.24	+2
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.36	-.09	-18.7	Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	3.82	-.26	-59.3
Apple Inc (AAPL)	140.82	-8.42	-20.7	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	169.38	-12.39	-42.4
Armstrong Flooring (AFI)	.43	+1.4	-78.3	Occid Petl (OXY)	64.30	-3.64	+121.8
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	46.63	+8.7	-6.5	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	72.21	-3.25	-17.1
Bank of America (BAC)	34.88	-1.11	-21.6	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.01	-.35	-56.0
Barnes Group (B)	33.91	-.83	-27.2	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	50.40	-.94	-14.6
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2050.38	-96.21	-14.5	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.64	-.23	-30.0
Borgs Technologies (BRQS)	.19	+0.2	-48.7	Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	15.88	-.65	-43.7
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	77.02	-1.20	+23.5	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	101.59	-2.37	-6.1
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	94.02	-5.36	-8.9	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	67.86	-.79	+1.7
Carnival Corp (CCL)	13.84	-1.03	-31.2	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	92.61	-2.34	+7.6
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	37.36	-2.82	-31.1	Rogers Corp (ROG)	254.82	-7.31	-6.7
Charter Communic (CHTR)	469.50	-2.63	-28.0	Roblox Corp (RBLX)	32.55	+6.1	-68.4
Cigna Corp (CI)	257.57	-13.78	+12.2	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	59.28	-2.37	-27.7
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	48.36	-2.24	-23.7	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	22.73	-1.81	-51.7
Citigroup (C)	49.32	-1.73	-18.3	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.23	+1.8	-54.3
CocaCola Co (KO)	61.20	-4.58	+3.4	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	116.15	-6.80	-38.4
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	42.13	-.71	-16.3	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.06	-.75	-5.1
Disney (DIS)	104.30	-4.34	-32.7	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.41	-.02	-28.5
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	102.24	-1.62	-19.7	Target Corp (TGT)	161.61	-53.67	-30.2
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.62	-.54	-83.5	Terex Corp (TEX)	32.93	-1.41	-25.1
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.15	-1.51	-11.9	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	709.81	-51.80	-32.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	89.18	-.24	-2.0	Travelers Cos (TRV)	174.32	-3.07	+11.4
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Trump’s real goal is to solidify his hold over the GOP



Jonah Goldberg

“Just once, I’d love to see a Republican candidate stand up in a primary and say: ‘I am a moderate, establishment squish. I stand for absolutely nothing.’ It would be refreshingly honest at least. But nobody says that.” He then added, “And by the way, they all pledge their love for Donald Trump. ‘I love Donald Trump.’ ‘No, no. I love Donald Trump more.’ ‘No, no, no. I have Donald Trump tattooed on my rear end.’”

Cruz’s remarks invited mockery, given that he battled Trump for the GOP presidential nomination in 2016 all the way to the convention and then pledged his love for Trump — despite the fact that Trump had insulted Cruz’s wife, suggested Cruz’s father was linked to John F. Kennedy’s assassination and claimed Cruz stole the Iowa caucuses.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas said something interesting while campaigning for Dave McCormick, one of the contenders for the GOP nomination to replace Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

But Cruz did make a good point. It’s true that, with very few exceptions, Republican primary candidates do pledge their love for Trump. Some are more obsequious and shameless than others, of course. In Ohio, Josh Mandel lost his bid for the GOP senate nomination — and for Trump’s endorsement — despite running as the Renfield to Trump’s Dracula.

The other strange note in Cruz’s performance was his claim that “the establishment” is still run by moderate Republican “squishes.” The reality is that to the extent there is an “establishment” — everyone from nationalist donors like Peter Thiel to the Heritage Foundation to Fox News — it’s mostly MAGA.

The key to understanding the GOP primaries is to understand that neither traditional conservative ideology nor even competence are qualifications or differentiators anymore. If they were, Rep. Liz Cheney wouldn’t be a pariah, and the bomb-throwing Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Lauren Boebert wouldn’t be Republican stars.

Of course, none of Trump’s criteria for endorsements have anything to do with ideological or even partisan litmus tests.

Candidates seeking his endorsement must praise him lavishly. They also must subscribe to his bogus claim that the 2020 election was stolen from him. And, if they check those boxes, they need to have a better-than-good chance of winning — without his endorsement. Trump wants to pick winners, so he can take credit for being a kingmaker.

Trump’s real goal isn’t to expand the party but to solidify his control of it. As Fred Bauer notes in National Review, Trump has been “more focused on asserting dominance over the GOP than ensuring that Republicans win elections.”

The irony is that Trump is now grappling with the woes of being the establishment. And while his agenda looks nothing like a normal establishment agenda, he still has to contend with politicians with their own ambitions, and they’re giving Trump a taste of his own medicine.

In the final days of the Pennsylvania primary, Kathy Barnette, a GOP Senate candidate, took to attacking the “swamp” in true Trumpian fashion. But who are the swamp creatures, according to Barnette? People like Fox News’ Sean Hannity, who has carried more water for Trump than a

thousand Gunga Dins.

“Although he coined the word, MAGA actually belongs to the people.” Barnette said in a recent debate. “Our values never, never shifted to President Trump’s values. It was President Trump who shifted and aligned with our values.” Translation: MAGA is bigger than Trump now.

Trump will have more wins and losses in this primary season, but the larger lesson is clear: The die has been cast. Mandel didn’t stop campaigning when Trump rebuffed him. Cruz was perfectly happy to campaign for McCormick against Trump’s endorsed candidate, Dr. Mehmet Oz. McCormick surrounded himself with former Trump aides, who apparently didn’t mind working against their old boss. A politician like Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis started out as a student of Trumpism and is now a MAGA master.

Trump’s revolution within the GOP succeeded, but as Jacques Mallet du Pan wrote in 1793 about the chaos in France, “Like Saturn, the Revolution devours its children.”

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Biden backed democracy in Buffalo

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

President Joe Biden spoke in Buffalo, New York, on Tuesday after visiting the families of victims of a racist mass shooting in a supermarket there on Saturday. It was a speech that’s likely to get lost in the shuffle of current events, but it shouldn’t. It was a good one, well-written and well-delivered, and hitting on the necessary themes of combating hatred and defending democracy. And beyond the important topic, it also demonstrated a lot about representation and being president.

What was striking about the speech was how Bidenesque it was, combining all of his leading traits as a public figure. Biden displayed the empathy that was a central part of his campaign — how losing loved ones is something he understands from repeated personal experience. It’s worth noting, by the way, that Biden is hardly unique among presidents in having lost family members; that it has become so much a part of his political persona is in part about the tragedies he’s endured, but it’s also a choice he’s made to base much of his representational style on empathy.

Biden also deployed, as usual, his Scranton-ness — specifically comparing Buffalo to the working-class hometown of his Pennsylvania youth. Biden evokes Scranton, his parents and his roots not to contrast them to other places or back-grounds, but as an inclusive form of “one of us” representation. Biden doesn’t treat Scranton or comparable places as “real” America in opposition to alien-seeming cities and regions, or his Roman Catholic religion or Irish ethnic roots as more American than others. Instead, he treats himself and Scranton as typical of all Americans, from all sorts of superficially different but ultimately similar places. It’s just how Biden casts himself and his nation, which leads him to talk about murder victims and the families who survive them as us, not them.

But Biden isn’t just an empathy president or a one-of-us president. He’s also the guy who shoots off his mouth too often — the president who can’t always stick to diplomatic words when blunt ones are available. See, for example, some of the raw things he’s said about Russian President Vladimir Putin over the last two months.

Biden’s bluntness was evident Tuesday. He didn’t shy away from calling the massa-



A boy whose father was one of 10 people killed in a mass shooting in Buffalo, New York, hugs President Joe Biden on Tuesday. **SCOTT OLSON/GETTY**

cre domestic terrorism, or from saying that the killer was steeped in racism and guided by a conspiracy theory involving the replacement of white Americans with dark-skinned immigrants and orchestrated by shadowy elites, often Jews. He labeled it a manifestation of “white supremacy.”

All of this helped Biden overcome the two biggest challenges the speech faced. The first, horror-filled challenge was simply that Americans have seen too many presidential speeches after gun violence of all kinds and after violence sparked by ethnic bigotry. How would this speech stand on its own? How would it not seem like just another link in a chain of nice words that produced no tangible results?

And then: How could Biden make clear that attacks like the Buffalo massacre are attacks on democracy, and that they are tightly connected not just to bigoted

speech but to broader attacks on U.S. democracy — without giving a partisan speech that would not only sound inappropriate, but more importantly be ineffective?

For Biden, his empathy and Scranton-ness set the stage for the bluntness that allowed him to make that case. How? By audaciously quoting foreign leaders who might ask him, “What in God’s name happened on Jan. 6? What happened in Buffalo?”

Biden wasn’t asking listeners to believe that any foreign leader has specifically asked about Buffalo. Instead, he was tying the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by invaders bent on overturning the 2020 election to the way that white supremacy is an attack on democracy, and therefore on all Americans. That it happens to be accurate takes nothing away from how aston-

ishing it is for a U.S. president to come out and say it.

That doesn’t mean that the speech is going to cause people to turn away from irresponsible politicians and TV hosts who go around spouting bigoted conspiracy theories, much less convince those who are harming the nation by doing so to cut it out. Speeches don’t have that power. Presidents don’t have that power. But every little bit helps.

Besides: It’s Biden’s responsibility as president to do his best to defend democratic ideals. It simply is part of the head-of-state responsibilities of the presidency, responsibilities that can harm or enhance the president’s influence. On Tuesday, Biden fulfilled those duties well.

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US Army today may be ‘equitable,’ but it’s not ready for combat

By Thomas Spoehr
The Heritage Foundation

Americans are used to picturing Army combat soldiers as incredibly tough individuals, able to run faster and do more pushups than most people. In today’s Army, though, that notion is passe. At a recent Senate hearing, we learned that Army physical fitness has been sacrificed on the altar of gender equity, a move former infantryman Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., noted, will “get soldiers killed.”

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth admitted that the service had abandoned efforts to ensure that soldiers’ fitness in physically demanding Army career fields — such as artillery — was being continuously assessed to ensure they met the standards. A subsequent exchange revealed that the Army’s minimum fitness standards have been dramatically compromised.

This wasn’t what we were sold when President Barack Obama’s Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter, opened all combat positions to women seven years ago. He directed that “leaders assign tasks and career fields throughout the force based on ability, not gender.”

Obviously, not all Army career fields require the same levels of physical fitness. A cyber sergeant doesn’t need to run a seven-minute mile. But an artillery crew-member must be able to lift and carry a 90-pound artillery shell. Most Americans

can’t meet that standard. So, to ensure readiness of the force, the Army needed a way to make these continuing objective assessments to meet Carter’s guidance that soldiers have abilities necessary for their career fields.

Enter the Army’s new Combat Fitness Test or ACFT. Designed over 10 years, it consists of six events, all chosen as a proxy for the types of strength soldiers need on the modern battlefield. The standards were gender-neutral to objectively assess who could serve in which Army positions.

The Army spent years studying the standards necessary to succeed in its 190 different career fields.

Unlike previous fitness tests, the ACFT had no categories for male and female. Color-coded scoring was established for each of the six ACFT events. For artillery crewmembers, the level of performance required were the highest, coded “black.”

To achieve the “black” standard for a 2-mile run time, for example, a soldier needed to finish in 18 minutes and deadlift 200 pounds. Similarly high scores were required in the other four events.

It was a tough but science-based system that ensured soldiers who held these physically demanding positions were able to continue to contribute effectively and succeed. It was scheduled for implementation last October. Then Congress and advocacy groups intervened.

Alarmed that women were scoring lower

than men were on trial tests of the ACFT, Congress passed a law delaying the test and requiring an independent assessment.

Months later, Rand, which performed the study, returned with shocking news: Males and females score differently on fitness tests. Thus, greater numbers of women than men would not be eligible to serve and remain in the Army’s most physically demanding career fields.

Under heavy pressure, the Army surrendered. They threw out the gender-neutral ACFT, effectively abandoning any effort to link continued physical fitness to career fields and simultaneously watering down the baseline fitness standards.

Asked “why” by Sen. Cotton, Secretary Wormuth replied: “We wanted to make sure that we didn’t unfairly have standards for a particular subgroup that people, you know, couldn’t perform. We didn’t want to disadvantage any subgroups.”

So now the entire Army is disadvantaged, its readiness degraded in the name of “fairness.” The desire to put “equitable” outcomes first is reducing elite combat units to the lowest common denominator. It is a recipe for defeat.

Worse, not only did the Army remove any link between continuing physical fitness and career fields, it also significantly lowered the minimum scores necessary to pass.

The new ACFT passing standard for a female age 17-21 for the 2-mile run is over

four minutes slower than the old standards. A female soldier can take a leisurely 23 minutes, a male 22 minutes, and still pass. The number of required pushups went down by nine, to a total of 10. Cotton, unable to hide his disgust during the hearing, called the lowered standards “absolutely pathetic.”

This is not to say no women can meet the physical standards to serve in combat units. More than 100 women have graduated from the Army’s grueling Ranger School, its most physically demanding course.

One of the first graduates, Cpt. Kristen Griest, recently expressed strong views on the subject: “While the equity question must be addressed, the answer is not to implement gender-based scoring or reduce the minimum standards for combat arms. Doing so would have both immediate and insidious impacts on combat effectiveness, as well as on women’s credibility and potential.”

Some may think this doesn’t matter — that modern combat is about “pushing buttons.” Think again. In Ukraine today, soldiers are lugging 90-pound shells and 50-pound Javelins all across the country.

Cotton concluded his questioning by warning, “I’m not going to let it stand.” For the sake of America’s Army, let’s hope he doesn’t.

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and the supplemental benefit assessment so levied shall be filed in the office of the clerk of
Hartford, Connecticut, and thereafter published and noticed in accordance with Connecticut
General Statutes §7-250, using the schedule of flat rates adopted and effective as of August
7, 2017 for property used or zoned for two (2) or more dwelling units at \$1,655.00 per dwelling
unit allowed by zoning on a buildable lot.
These sewers are for the conveyance of sanitary sewage only; all storm water, cooling wa-
ter, subsoil drainage and objectionable industrial wastes are excluded, as described in the
Ordinances of The Metropolitan District.
Assessments are based on the schedule of flat rate adopted August 7, 2017, for property used
or zoned for single residential dwelling units at \$1,655.00 per dwelling unit or dwelling unit
allowed by zoning on a buildable lot.

DIRECT BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS

Property now or Formerly of	Number	Dwelling Units	Assessment
36 LEWIS STREET - EAST SIDE LEWIS STREET LLC	36	6	\$4,140.00

Total Direct Benefit Assessments \$4,140.00

And we find no damages or special benefits to any other person or party, lot or property.
This Supplement Sewer Assessment has been filed with this office and the office of the City
Clerk for the City of Hartford on the date set forth above, and all persons aggrieved by the
foregoing assessment or awards of damages must take an appeal to the superior court for the
judicial district of Hartford within twenty-one days (21) from date of such filing. Said appeal
must be taken in accordance with the procedure outlined in Connecticut General Statutes
§7-250.

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk
5/19/2022 7214755

Connecticut

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED
ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF AETNA
INSURANCE COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT
BY CONTINENTAL CASUALTY
COMPANY, THE CONTINENTAL
CORPORATION, CNA FINANCIAL
CORPORATION AND LOEWS CORPORATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Insurance
Commissioner of the State of Connecticut
will conduct a public hearing on May 25,
2022 at 11:30 a.m. in room 601 at the
Connecticut Insurance Department, 6th Floor,
153 Market Street, Hartford, CT. The hearing
will be conducted pursuant to sections 38a-
129 through 38a-140, 4-166 through 4-184,
as applicable, of the Connecticut General
Statutes; and sections 38a-8-1 through
38a-8-104, and 38a-138-1 through 38a-
138-16, as applicable, of the Regulations
of the Connecticut State Agencies. This
hearing shall be held in a hybrid fashion with
a limited number of individuals being physi-
cally present and the remainder appearing
remotely via telephone and video conference,
in accordance with the Regulations of the
Connecticut State Agencies. Persons interested
in being designated a party or intervenor should
consult sections 38a-8-48 and 38a-8-49 of
the Regulations of the Connecticut State
Agencies.

The public hearing is being held on the
question of the proposed acquisition of control
to section 38a132(b)(1) of the Connecticut
General Statutes of the application filed by
Continental Casualty
Company, the Continental Corporation,
CNA Financial Corporation, and Loews
Corporation (the
"Applicants"), dated February 10, 2022,
and as amended and restated on May 3,
2022 (the "Application"). The Application
requests the Insurance Commissioner's
approval, as required by section 38a-130
of the Connecticut General Statutes, of the
proposed acquisition of control of Aetna
Insurance Company of Connecticut (the
"Domestic Insurer").
The Proposed Acquisition will be affected
pursuant to the terms of a Stock Purchase
Agreement (the "Agreement") by and among
Continental Casualty Company, AHP Holdings,
Inc. (the parent company of the Domestic
Insurer) and CVS Pharmacy Inc. (solely for
limited purposes), dated as of December 15,
2021. The official record of this proceeding,
which includes a copy of the Application and
the Agreement, is on file with the Connecticut
Insurance Department at 153 Market Street,
7th floor, Hartford, Connecticut and is avail-
able for public inspection during regular
business hours, it is also available on the
Connecticut Insurance Department's website
at https://portal.ct.gov/cid.

At the public hearing, representatives of
the Applicants and the Domestic Insurer,
as well as any other party or intervenor
designated by the Insurance Commissioner
pursuant to sections 38a-8-48 and 38a-8-
49 of the Regulations of the Connecticut
State Agencies, and his appointed hearing
officer, will appear and be heard concern-
ing the consideration by the Insurance
Commissioner of the Application. The public
will, at the hearing officer's discretion and
in accordance with section 4-177(c) of the
Connecticut General Statutes, be given an
opportunity to comment on the Application
with respect to the issues to be considered
by the Insurance Commissioner. Written
testimony may be submitted during the
public comment portion of the public hearing
or filed with the Insurance Department prior
to the close of business on May 24, 2022, by
mailing or delivering such statements to the
Connecticut Insurance Department, P.O. Box
816, Hartford, CT 06142-0816. Attention:
Jennifer M. Dowty, Esq.

The Insurance Department does not discrimi-
nate on the basis of disability in admission
to, access to, or operation of its programs,
services or activities, in accordance with Title
II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
1990. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids for
communication or other accommodation are
invited to make their needs and preferences
known by calling Victoria Cruise at (860)
757-5349.
Date of Hearing: Connecticut, this 6th day
of May 2022.
Andrew N. Mais
Insurance Commissioner
5/12, 5/19/2022 7208417



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**SUPPLEMENTAL SEWER ASSESSMENT FOR
170 RIDGE ROAD IN WETHERSFIELD
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut
May 19, 2022**

At a meeting held on May 16, 2022, the Bureau of Public Works voted to approve passage of
the following resolution:
Voted: That a supplemental benefit assessment for 150 Ridge Road in Wethersfield, be levied,
and the supplemental benefit assessment so levied shall be filed in the office of the clerk of
Wethersfield, Connecticut, and thereafter published and noticed in accordance with Connecticut
General Statutes §7-250, using the schedule of flat rates adopted and effective as of August
7, 2017 for property used or zoned for two (2) or more dwelling units at \$1,655.00 per dwelling
unit allowed by zoning on a buildable lot.
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ter, subsoil drainage and objectionable industrial wastes are excluded, as described in the
Ordinances of The Metropolitan District.
Assessments are based on the schedule of flat rate adopted August 7, 2017, for property used
or zoned for single residential dwelling units at \$1,655.00 per dwelling unit or dwelling unit
allowed by zoning on a buildable lot.

DIRECT BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS

Property now or Formerly of	Number	Dwelling Units	Assessment
RIDGE ROAD - EAST SIDE 170 RIDGE ROAD, LLC	170	32	\$49,378.58

Total Direct Benefit Assessments \$49,378.58

And we find no damages or special benefits to any other person or party, lot or property.
This Supplement Sewer Assessment has been filed with this office and the office of the Town
Clerk for the Town of Wethersfield on the date set forth above, and all persons aggrieved by the
foregoing assessment or awards of damages must take an appeal to the superior court for the
judicial district of Hartford within twenty-one days (21) from date of such filing. Said appeal
must be taken in accordance with the procedure outlined in Connecticut General Statutes
§7-250.

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk
5/19/2022 7214758

**SUPPLEMENTAL SEWER ASSESSMENT FOR
38-42 ELM STREET IN HARTFORD
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut
May 19, 2022**

At a meeting held on May 16, 2022, the Bureau of Public Works voted to approve passage of
the following resolution:
Voted: That a supplemental benefit assessment for 38-42 Elm Street in Hartford, be levied,
and the supplemental benefit assessment so levied shall be filed in the office of the clerk of
Hartford, Connecticut, and thereafter published and noticed in accordance with Connecticut
General Statutes §7-250, using the schedule of flat rates adopted and effective as of August
7, 2017 for property used or zoned for two (2) or more dwelling units at \$1,655.00 per dwelling
unit allowed by zoning on a buildable lot.
These sewers are for the conveyance of sanitary sewage only; all storm water, cooling wa-
ter, subsoil drainage and objectionable industrial wastes are excluded, as described in the
Ordinances of The Metropolitan District.
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or zoned for single residential dwelling units at \$1,655.00 per dwelling unit or dwelling unit
allowed by zoning on a buildable lot.

DIRECT BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS

Property now or Formerly of	Number	Dwelling Units	Assessment
ELM STREET - NORTH SIDE PEABODY UNLIMITED LLC	38-42	6	\$5,795.00

Total Direct Benefit Assessments \$5,795.00

And we find no damages or special benefits to any other person or party, lot or property.
This Supplement Sewer Assessment has been filed with this office and the office of the City
Clerk for the City of Hartford on the date set forth above, and all persons aggrieved by the
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judicial district of Hartford within twenty-one days (21) from date of such filing. Said appeal
must be taken in accordance with the procedure outlined in Connecticut General Statutes
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OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Avon Andrew S. Beres	Middletown Judie Thomas
Berlin Norman P. Chiger	New Britain Norman P. Chiger Carmen A. Soria
Bloomfield Marie Manning Larry Waller	Old Lyme Andrew Brennan
Cromwell Carola A. Chaffin Elmer J. Dahl Edna Hansen	Other Towns in CT Priscilla D. Douglas Angie B. McLaughlin Leonard F. Murray Marcia J. Rottenberg
Enfield Gregory B. Donovan Angie B. McLaughlin	Out of State Priscilla D. Douglas
Glastonbury Susanne Dock	Portland Judie Thomas
Granby Leonard F. Murray Dale Robinson Marcia J. Rottenberg	Rocky Hill Edna Hansen
Hartford Lynnette M. Gaines John W. Maxwell III Laureat Parent Larry Waller	Simsbury Elmer J. Dahl
Manchester Carola A. Chaffin Velta Klavins Beverly Ann Welch	Southington John A. Adams
	Vernon Gregory B. Donovan Canh T. Nguyen
	West Hartford Charles W. Austin, Jr.
	Windsor Charles W. Austin, Jr.

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Brennan, Andrew



Andrew James Brennan, 83, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022. He will be dearly missed by his wife Adrienne (Lopenzina) Brennan, their children Gregory (Tian) Brennan, Brigitte (Tom) Underwood and Kristen (Dirk) Nowka. Grandchildren Matthew, Andrew, Nicholas, Luke Underwood, Chloe, Lily,

Avery, Charlotte Nowka.

Andy was born in 1939 in Conshohocken, PA. He spent much of his early childhood with his grandfather learning how to build, fix and complete home repairs. Andy developed a life-long quality of being handy. He could repair cars, build decks and enjoyed gardening. In his early years, he was involved in scouting where he developed his love of outdoors and hiking. Scouting taught him many lessons about nature, animals, conservation and survival - lessons he would pass on to his children. Andy attended Roman Catholic High School, in Philadelphia where he would go on to letter in varsity football. He earned a football scholarship to C.W. Post/Long Island University where he also completed his MBA. It was at C.W.Post College where he met Adrienne and they were married in 1963.

After graduating, Andy joined the Marine Corps where he became a Marine Corp's Officer, who would serve as an aerial observer in Vietnam. He flew combat missions between March 1964-1965 and would later train other aerial observers before finishing his tour of duty. He was awarded the gold star in recognition of meritorious service while performing combat support missions. Upon returning home Andy began a career in the corporate world. He took many of the skills he acquired as a Marine Corps Officer – goal setting, planning, leadership, responsibility for results and parlayed them into a successful corporate career that would eventually land him in executive positions in the beverage industry. These positions offered the opportunity for extensive travels through Europe and Asia. Andy was Senior Vice President in charge of sales for the Seven Up Company and later was the Executive Vice President of Guinness Import Company in the US. He then took an executive position with the Labatt Brewing Company and Interbrew, a global beverage conglomerate. He and Adrienne spent several years in South Korea where he was VP of OB Lager.

They returned to the US and chose Lyme, CT as the place they would retire. Andy spent much of his time doing the things he loved. He continued running, spent time hiking the conservation trails, gardening, sketching and painting, playing golf and traveling with Adrienne and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also spent a significant amount of time working with the VFW Post 1467 in Lyme/Old Lyme. He had a heart to serve the community and integrate veterans returning home from foreign wars back into civilian life. He also organized fundraisers to raise money for Fisher House Foundation which provides military and veteran families a place to stay while a loved one is in the hospital. He was a natural leader and people liked being around him. His family and close friends were extremely important to him.

He greeted you with a smile and handshake or a hug and made everyone feel welcome. He was interested in what you had to say. He was a man of integrity. People were easily drawn to him and he genuinely enjoyed connecting with those around him. He gave his wife of 59 years, children and grandchildren an amazing life full of wonderful opportunities and memories. He always put his family first. He will be missed immensely by all those who knew him.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 20th at 11:00 a.m. directly in Christ The King Church, Old Lyme, CT. A reception to immediately to follow in the church Reception Hall. Burial with full Military Honors will be held following the reception at 3:00 p.m. in Duck River Cemetery, Old Lyme, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VFW Post #1467, P.O. Box192, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

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Gaines, Lynnette M.



Lynnette M. Gaines, 43 Of Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2022. Lynnette was born in Hartford, CT to the late Samuel Gaines and Mary Ann (Smith) Gaines. Lynnette graduated from Weaver High School and then went on to attend Briarwood College. She worked for Rich's in New Britain, CT. Lynnette leaves to cherish her memory brother, Mark E. Gaines; aunts, Norma (Randall) Payne and Livinia Nash; uncles, John (Carol) Smith, Willie (Ruby) Smith, Raymond (Diane) Gaines; a host of cousins and her dear friend Amanda. She is predeceased by her son, Cameron Gaines; Father, Samuel Gaines; mother, Mary Gaines. The family wishes to thank everyone for their support and well wishes. Services will be held at a later date. To leave a message of comfort for the Gaines family please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com.



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OBITUARIES

Chiger, Norman P.



Norman P. Chiger, 84, long-time New Britain resident, died on Tuesday (May 17, 2022). Norman was born in Larksville, PA and was the son of the late Frank J. and Sophia (Yawarski) Chiger who moved their family to New Britain when the boys were young. Norman was the youngest of the four Chiger boys and is predeceased by two of them and a sister-in-law, former New Britain Deputy Police Chief Frank P Chiger, Donald Chiger and his wife Maureen (Gotowala) of New Britain. He is survived by Leonard Chiger and his wife Elizabeth (Alfano) Chiger, as well as Frank's wife Carmella (Marino) Chiger. Norman served in the US Army and was employed for many years at Fafnir Bearing Co. in New Britain.

Norman was a friend of Bill W and was an active member of the Hardware City chapter of AA where he was instrumental in setting up meetings and supporting many members to actively find sobriety as he was successful in accomplishing for well over thirty years. Norman is also survived by his two loving children and their spouses, his son, Norman A. Chiger and his wife Margie of Indialantic, FL. And his daughter Dawn Marie and her husband John Stepensky Jr. of Kensington. He had four loving grandchildren Kristen Leigh Chiger Esq., of Satellite Beach, FL and Kevin Chiger of Indialantic, Florida. Chelsea (Stepensky) Ruggiero and her husband Alexander of Stamford, CT and John Stepensky III Esq., of Brooklyn, NY. "Poppy Norman" is also survived by a great grand daughter Gabriella Ruggiero and a highly anticipated second great granddaughter Ruggiero due in July. "Poppy" Norman was a kind soul who was an avid reader, loved his garden, crossword puzzles, helping people in need and his beloved Yankees.

Funeral services are Monday (May 23, 2022) 6:30 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain with a reception to follow. Calling hours are Monday from 5 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers donations made be made to The Hardware City AA group of New Britain 1 Hartford Square New Britain, CT 06050. Norm's family would like to thank the Hartford Healthcare Hospice Team and the nurses and staff at Apple Rehab in Crowell for their care and kindness. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Dahl, Elmer Johnson



Elmer Johnson Dahl, beloved husband of Hazel (Stenquist) Dahl, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Hartford, CT on June 22, 1931 to Idoff and Edith Dahl. He graduated from The Loomis School, Yale University and Harvard Business School. He proudly served as an officer in the United States Navy in theater during the Korean War. Elmer and Hazel settled in Simsbury, where they raised their family and lived for nearly 50 years, before moving to Cromwell in 2016.

He had a distinguished career in corporate finance. Later, indicative of his entrepreneurial spirit, he owned several small businesses. He served on several boards including class agent at Loomis Chaffee. He sang in a number of choral groups including church choirs and the Hartford Chorale. He was an avid sports fan and could be found cheering on his grandchildren or giving a little friendly advice to the coaches. He had a lifelong commitment to faith, family and music and treasured his many friends. His genuine love for people had an enduring impact on those he met. He was a 42-year survivor of acute leukemia and while not the defining aspect of his life, his family cherished the additional four decades as a great gift. Elmer is survived by Hazel, his wife of nearly 66 years, his four children, James (Kristen), Peter (Kelley), Sara (Greg) and Steven (Julie). He is the beloved grandfather of Elizabeth (Jake), Daniel, Eric, Matthew, Emily, Christopher, Nate, Griffin, Thomas and Katherine, and great-grandfather of Henry. He was pre-deceased by his brother Edmund and sister, Eileen. A memorial service will be held at Bethany Covenant Church on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM. A private burial service with military honors will be conducted at Simsbury Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to Bethany Covenant Church, 785 Mill St. Berlin, CT. 06037 or Pilgrim Pines Conference Center, 220 West Shore Rd, Swanzey, New Hampshire, 03446. Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may use the online guestbook (www.ericksonhansen.com) to share a memory or words of condolence.



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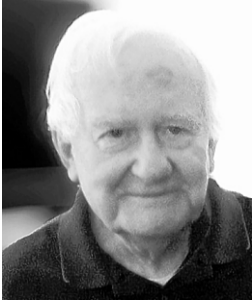
Maxwell III, John W



John Maxwell, a treasured husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Asheville, North Carolina, 3 weeks after celebrating his 80th birthday in Hilton Head, South Carolina, with his family. John grew up in West Hartford, CT, son of John and Patricia (Sullivan) Maxwell. After graduating from St. Anselm's College, John was proud to have spent nearly 50 years in the insurance industry. Still, his greatest joy was his time with family and friends. John and Jane, his beloved wife of 56 years, retired to Asheville, North Carolina where they entertained, golfed, traveled and talked about how blessed they were to have created such lasting memories. Left to grieve are his wife Jane, sons John (Kristen), Hingham, MA, Darren, Brooklyn, NY, and Jared (Laura) Hingham, MA and 5 adored grandchildren, Grace, Margot, Joe, Griffin, and Reagan. He also leaves behind 2 sisters, Suzanne Bailey-Gates and Linda Crowe, and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was predeceased by brothers Robert Maxwell, Jeffrey Maxwell, and sister Laurie Maxwell. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30am on Wednesday May 25th, 2022 at Saint Paul's Parish 147 North Street, Hingham, MA 02043. To place a condolence online, please visit www.grocefuneralhome.com. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian is assisting the family.

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Austin, Jr., Charles W.



On Saturday, May 14th, 2022, Charles W. Austin Jr., 91, went home to his heavenly Father, passing away peacefully in West Hartford. Born in Hartford on September 29th 1930 to Charles W. Austin Sr. and Margaret (Jessiman) Austin, Charlie spent his life living in the Hartford area, growing up in West Hartford and graduating from Hall High School in 1948. He received his Associate's Degree from Bentley College in Boston, before proudly serving in the United States Army during the Korean War. After leaving the service, Charlie returned to Hartford and received his Bachelor's Degree in business and accounting from the University of Hartford. As we mourn our loss, we celebrate Charlie's reunion with his beloved wife Doris, who preceded him in death. Charlie met Doris Bradley at church, and after their marriage, moved into their home in Windsor where they lived for almost 60 years. Charlie spent his career working in the finance office at Hartford Hospital for 50 years. But Charlie's true joy came in spending time with Doris and raising their two sons in their home centered on faith and filled with love. While Charlie was an avid sports fan, playing baseball, golf, and basketball, and following the Red Sox, Celtics and the NY Giants, the center of Charlie's life was always his faith. He would read his Bible and books on theology daily, always striving to learn more about his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and living a life that would bring him closer to God. Charlie spent many years teaching Sunday School at Calvary Church in West Hartford and later serving on the Board of Elders at Wintonbury Church in Bloomfield.

Charlie was preceded in death by wife Doris, his father Charles Sr., his mother Margaret, and his brother Philip. He is survived by his son Charles III of Tariffville along with grandchildren Elizabeth and Chad, and by his son Raymond and wife Rebecca of Lexington, SC, along with grandchildren Kathryn Archer and her husband James, Emily Pace and her husband Austin, Matthew, Hannah, Julie, Daniel, Lydia, and two great grandchildren, Bradley and Jack Archer. A time of visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, with a funeral service to begin at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be held privately in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. To leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Chaffin, Carola A. (Anderson)



Carola Ann (Anderson) Chaffin of Covenant Living of Cromwell, passed quietly to her heavenly home, Friday, January 14, 2022. She was born October 31, 1923, in Boston Massachusetts to Herbert and Agnes Anderson. Known to her family as Tola, she was educated in the Boston public schools, graduating from Roslindale High School in 1941. She attended Kathleen Dell Secretarial School as well as Bryant and Stratton while working. She received her Associates degree from North Park College in 1945 and her RN from New England Deaconess School of Nursing in 1948. Carola loved active travel. While at the International Nurses Congress in Sweden, she and two fellow graduates biked through Europe. She maintained close connections for many years with her nursing school classmates on vacations and reunions. She met Patterson Chaffin on a Youth Hostel bike outing, whom she married September 8, 1951, at Forest Hills Covenant Church. Officiating was the Rev. Dr. Nils W. Lund, North Park Seminary Dean. They were married 54 years. In retirement, they often volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and traveled with Road Scholar programs. Together they raised three boys in South Windsor and Brookfield, CT. Always active in their faith, they were members of Trinity Covenant Church of Manchester, Covenant Church of Easton, and Covenant and Methodist churches in Orange County, California and Spring Hill, Florida. Carola worked until her retirement in 1989 in a variety of long-term care facilities, mostly as a night supervisor. She was acknowledged for her diligence and professionalism by the facility owners throughout her career. Carola kept up the family traditions as a voracious reader, committed gardener and plant lover, and as a knitter of Afghans, as well as caps for the New England Seafarer's Mission. Moving to Covenant Living of Cromwell in 2008, she returned to the location of the youth camp she attended as a young person. Here, she joined a community that was also home to her former college roommate, members of Covenant churches she had attended and fellow campers at Cromwell from long ago. She maintained a heavy schedule of wellness classes, concerts, and bible studies, along with weekly games of Scrabble and Skip-bo with her friends. Hilltop Covenant Church became her place of worship here. She is survived by three sons: Rev. Mark Chaffin and Dr. Julie Shaw of Troy, NY, Dr. Todd Chaffin of Rockford, IL, and Dr. Scott Chaffin of Vashon Is, Washington. She leaves behind five grandchildren who meant so much to her: Anna, Ella, Matthew, Aidan, and Sadie, as well as her beloved nephews David, John, Daniel, Brian, and niece, Susan.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel of Covenant Living of Cromwell on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 1:00pm. Interment will be held privately at Memorial Garden at Hilltop Covenant Church. Arrangements are in the care of Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to the radio station – KICY, Alaska, New England Seafarer's Mission, Habitat for Humanity, or the organization of your choice. Please share a memory of Carola with the family in the online guestbook at www.ericksonhansen.com



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Nguyen, Canh T.

Canh T. Nguyen of Vernon, CT passed away peacefully on May 16, 2022 with her loving husband of 50 years by her side. She will forever be remembered as a beautiful, strong, kind, and loving woman. Her love and passion for cooking delighted so many and it brought her genuine joy. She will be deeply missed by her husband Hong, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many beloved extended family members. Celebration of life will be private. Donations in her honor can be made to the American Heart Association.

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OBITUARIES

Dock, Susanne (Mauro)



Susanne Mauro Dock, born September 16, 1947 to James F. and Mary Melillo Mauro at St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven, CT, died on May 14, 2022. She was raised in Hamden, CT and graduated from Hamden High School in 1965. She attended St. Raphael's School of Nursing in Hew Haven and graduated with her RN in 1968. Susanne met Roger Dock in 1966 at a student social while he was attending The Culinary Institute of America in New Haven (now of Hyde Park, NY) and they were married on August 8, 1970. After the wedding the couple lived in the Washington, DC area and Susanne worked at Columbia Hospital for Women while Roger finished his U.S. Navy military obligation, after which they returned to CT and settled in Glastonbury in 1973. In 1974, their first son James was born and in 1975, son Timothy. Susanne worked at Salmon Brook Convalescent Home and then took a position at Hartford Hospital's newly formed Jefferson House Rehab and Convalescent Home in Newington. She later became Nurse Coordinator of the newly formed Jefferson House Adult Day Health Center in Manchester and then East Hartford, working until she was diagnosed with MS in 1997, at which time she retired. Ever the nurse, she continued to serve on the boards of the Glastonbury VNA and Commission on Aging (part of the team that developed the Glastonbury Community/Senior Center). The center of Susanne's life was always her family with Thanksgiving as the major gathering holiday. She is survived by her husband Roger, of almost 52 years, her son James (Katie) of Auburn, ME and her son Timothy (Kristie) of Davidson, NC, her grandson Boden of Norway, ME and her granddaughter Lille Marie of Davidson, NC. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Thursday, June 9 from 4-6 pm. Funeral services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Bethel Food Pantry, P.O. Box 232, Bethel, ME 04217 or The Glastonbury Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 67, Glastonbury, CT 06033. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Douglas, Priscilla D.



Priscilla D. Douglas, 88, of Storrs, CT died peacefully at home of leukemia on May 15, 2022.

Dr. Douglas graduated from Framingham Teachers College in 1956 with a B.S. in Nutrition and Education and went on to earn an M.S. in Nutrition from the University of Massachusetts Amherst

and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Connecticut. Most of her career was spent at the University of Connecticut as professor and graduate director in the School of Allied Health Professions. She was awarded the title of professor emerita for distinguished contributions to academia.

Dr. Douglas spent her retirement between homes in New England and Florida and kept in touch with many former students and colleagues. She recently received an alumni achievement award from Framingham State University for her strength of character and resolve for advancing educational opportunities for all, as well as her vision, spirit, courage and inspiration to multiple generations of educators.

In addition to her professional achievements, Dr. Douglas was an active member of Altrusa International and the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Douglas is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years, John Douglas; her daughters, Holly Douglas-Matty (Paul), Laura Douglas (Gregg Johnson), Diana Nye (Rick), Granddaughters, Kathleen Roy (Adam), Rachael Matty, and great-grandchildren Reagan and Ryan Roy.

The family would like to thank all her friends and family that have offered support and comfort, as well as Dr. DeAngelo, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and the entire medical team that enabled her to have three quality years after her initial diagnosis.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Priscilla D. Douglas '56, PhD, RD, Food & Nutrition Endowed Scholarship Fund, at www.Framingham.edu/give. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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Murray, Leonard Francis



Leonard "Lenny" Francis Murray, 79, of Granby, beloved husband of Barbara Anne (Bednarsky) Murray, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2022, at home. Born in Hartford on January 5, 1943, the son of the late Francis and Rose (Horan) Murray. Lenny was raised in Granby, attended local schools and was a graduate of Granby High School. Lenny was a proud union member of UA Local 777 Plumbers & Pipefitters. During his career he served as business manager for a time and traveled for work all over the country. Lenny served in the Army National Guard. He was also an avid car enthusiast, owning 30 plus cars over his lifetime. He was known around town by driving his black tahoe. Until recently he was an active member of St. Therese Church and the Granby Senior Center. He also enjoyed driving a school van part time. He is survived by his wife of 54 years the former Barbara Anne (Bednarsky) Murray of Granby and formerly of Westfield, MA, his daughters, Cynthia Murray of Granville, MA and Lauren Copen and her husband Curtis of Belpre, OH, his son, Brian Murray of San Diego, CA, his grandchildren, who affectionately referred to him as "PaPa", Patrick Copen, Christopher Copen and AJ Copen, his sister, Judy Czuba of Bradenton, FL and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Thomas Murray.

Lenny's family will receive friends on Friday May 20, 2022, from 10 to 11AM outside of St. Therese Church, 120 W. Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will follow beginning at 11AM at St. Therese Church. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations in Lenny's memory may be made to the CT Chapter of the American Cancer Society, PO Box 280285, East Hartford, CT 06128. For condolences or directions please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Beres, Andrew S.

Andrew S. Beres, 89, of Avon, CT, passed away peacefully at home on May 12, 2022. For the full obituary and condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Manning, Marie (Dickson)

Marie Manning, 85, of Bloomfield, beloved wife of the late Walter Manning, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Born in Luverne, AL on June 28, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Mary (Fleeting) Dickson. She leaves a daughter, Mary C. Hartfield and her husband Malcolm Powell of Bloomfield; and four grandchildren, Phylcia Hartfield-Mickens and her husband Carl, Nycole Hartfield, Joshua Crawford, and Xavier Powell. Her family will receive friends on Monday, May 23, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service at 11 a.m., at The First Cathedral, 1151 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences and to view the complete obituary, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Robinson, Dale



Dale Robinson (60), of Lakeland, FL, formerly of Granby, CT, passed away unexpectedly, Monday, May 16, 2022. He was born in St. Albans, VT. He leaves a wife, Marlene Robinson; two step-children Kellie Santillo and Brett Sorel; his little Monkey Shine, Gavin Santillo; father, Douglas Robinson and his wife Faith Robinson; sister, Dawn Keenan and her fiancé Richard Weibust; sister-in-law, Diane Robinson, and several nieces and nephews. Dale was preceded in death by his mother, Elsie Robinson and brother, Douglas Robinson. Dale loved all the friends that became family in Florida and truly felt at home there. In honoring his wishes, we will not be having an "official" service, but rather a small celebration of his life with close family and friends in Florida. Anybody that knew Dale knew how much he loved animals, especially his cats, Truman, Nikki Marie and Izzy. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Second Chance Fund at The Humane Society of Polk County, 3195 Dundee Road, Winter Haven, FL 33884 (<https://www.humanesocietyofpolkcounty.org/donate/>). The Second Chance Fund is specific to families in need and animals that require severe medical aid.

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Rottenberg, Marcia Joyce

Marcia Joyce Rottenberg, 68, of East Hartland passed away on Saturday May 14, 2022. She was born in Boston, MA and raised in Newton, MA and was the daughter of the late Jacob and Vera Rottenberg. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Marcia was an artist and educator who lived her life by the golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The beautiful hand-beaded jewelry she made and her work guiding children through their schooling reflect her passions for art, her love of nature and her empathy for all. She leaves her cherished daughter and son-in-law, Jenna and Sage Carpenter of Torrington and her two sisters and their families, Ruth Milesky and her husband Larry and their son, Jason as well as Judy Rottenberg and her husband Harry Bochner. Marcia will continue to live on in the hearts of her family.

In lieu of a formal service, a time for family and friends to gather will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 3-5 p.m. at the Hayes, Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook St., Granby, CT. Memorial contributions may be made to your local food bank or to any other cause that benefits the underserved. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Thomas, Judie

Judie Thomas, 80, of Portland, wife of Larry Thomas Sr., passed away on Monday, May 16 at Hartford Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born on July 8, 1941, in Middletown, CT, the daughter of the late Frank "Chick" Faraci Sr. and Phyllis Cistare Faraci. Judie, who lived most of her life in Middletown, graduated from MHS in 1959 and was a proud member of the cheer-leading squad. Judie was the owner of the Breakfast Club on Newfield Street, but she was best known as the owner of the Morning Scrambler on Saybrook Road. People came from all over to eat her famous corned beef hash and her wide array of homemade meals. Judie's patrons loved her spit-fire personality, and everyone who knew her never had to wonder what she was thinking because she held nothing back. Judie was a passionate Yankees fan and always enjoyed bantering with Red Sox fans. After retirement, Judie and her devoted husband, Larry, could be spotted anywhere in town together. Everyone could see that the love they shared was timeless.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her children, Renata Bishop Tewksbury, of Portland, Ted Bishop Sr. and his wife, Edelyn Bishop, of Knoxville, TN, and Vincent Dean Bishop and his wife, Jennifer Bishop, of Monarch Beach, CA. Judie adored all her grandchildren, Jammie, Teddy Jr., Alexis, Noah, Autumn, Dereek, Trevor, and Austin. She is also survived by her niece, Amy Marotta Katz, of Westbrook, whom she had a very special relationship with. Judie will be sorely missed by many. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main Street, Portland, on Thursday, May 26 from 4 to 6 PM. A celebration of life will be held Friday, May 27, at 12:00pm at the Falcon's Grove, 144 Prout Hill, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetic Association

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Blue, Jr., Rufus



Rufus Blue, Jr., 68 of Hartford, CT, passed away on May 9, 2022. Rufus was born in Hartford, CT to Dorothy (Nelson) Blue and the late Rufus Blue, Sr. Rufus leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Vickie Blue; mother, Dorothy Blue; sister, Dorothy Wilkerson. A memorial celebration of life will take place on Thursday May 19, 2022, for 11:00AM at Phillips Metropolitan CME Church, 2500 Main St, Hartford, CT 06120. To leave a message of comfort for the Blue family please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com.

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Hansen, Edna



Edna Therese Marie Hansen (Lavoie) 91, of Cromwell, Connecticut died peacefully on May 16, 2022. Edna was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her family. Edna was born on September 2, 1930 in New Bedford, Massachusetts to Gedeon and Alice (Coutu) Lavoie. She grew up in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Fontbonne Hall Academy. After graduation she worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Manhattan. In 1950, she met her husband Alf I. Hansen on her way home from work on the subway (Sea Beach Express). Edna and Alf were married in 1951 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and they lived in Brooklyn until 1972 when they relocated to Springfield, Massachusetts. Edna retired from Shawmut Bank in 1988 and enjoyed playing in a golf league, going to Mohegan Sun, following UCONN Women's basketball and the Red Sox (to the chagrin of her family of Yankee fans) and especially playing cards and trivia games at the Senior Center. In 2017, Edna relocated to Covenant Village in Cromwell to be near to her family. Edna was predeceased by her parents, her husband Alf I. Hansen, her granddaughter Mary Beth Hansen and her brother Raymond G. Lavoie. She is survived by her sons, Stephen J. Hansen (Katherine), Robert P. Hansen (Donna) and Paul T. Hansen (Ellen). Her grandchildren Stephen, Brian, Sarah, Kelsey, Amy and Alexander (Kristen) Hansen and Katy Hansen Diamond (Garrett). Her great grandsons, Maxwell, Gavin and Weston Diamond and Alexander Hansen. Edna's family would like to express its sincere appreciation to the staff of Covenant Living for their wonderful care. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:30 am at Sampson Chapel of the Acres 21 Tinkham Rd. Springfield, MA with a Mass of Christian Liturgy to begin at 10 am at Holy Cross Church 221 Plumtree Rd. Springfield, MA. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield. Visiting Hours will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 from 4 to 7 pm at the funeral home.

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Parent, Laureat (Larry)



A memorial mass will be held on 5/21/2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Philip-Apostle Church 64 Pompey Hollow Road in Ashford, CT.

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Waller, Larry



Larry Waller, 70, of Hartford, CT entered into eternal rest on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Larry was born on January 22, 1952, in Thomaston, AL to Larry (Torrance) Waller and the late Robert Waller. A celebration of Larry's life will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 10:30am with a visitation from 9:00am - 10:30am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery, 2035 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120. To leave a message of comfort for the Waller family, view livestreaming of services and the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Welch, Beverly Ann



Beverly Ann (Reagan) Welch, 79, of Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL and Manchester, CT, beloved wife of 33 years to Douglas Welch, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2022. Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on May 21st, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the F.O.E #4435 Scholarship Committee, Ormond By the Sea Eagles, 1186 Ocean Shore Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32176. To view the full obituary and offer online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Klavins, Velta



Velta Klavins, 99, of Manchester, CT, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away on May 13, 2022. She was the wife of the late Olgerts Klavins.

Velta was born on June 12, 1922 in Riga, Latvia. She was predeceased by her parents, Rosalija (Vigants) and Jazeps Saltis when she was young. Upon their deaths, she and

her sister, Irma (Jaganova) were adopted by her aunt and uncle, Emilija (Vigants) and Janis Skrastins. She married Eduards Tauris and together they had two children, Andris (Thelma "Teddy" Sablon-Tauris) and Ilze (John Zemzars). They fled Latvia in 1944 to Germany. While they were living in a displaced persons camp, Eduards passed away. In 1950, Velta and her two young children immigrated to the United States. They settled in Connecticut. She married Olgerts Klavins and together they had four children, Valdis John (with Martha Ann O'Neal), Anna Dace (Michael Spencer), Rudite "Dede" Elizabeth (Edward Pilpel), and Ingrid Emily (Allan Koerner). They made their life in Manchester. In 1960, Velta, by her husband's side, began their American dream by forming Paragon Tool Co., Inc. which still exists today. Velta, first and foremost, was a homemaker raising her six children. She prided herself with her baking and cooking. When friends and guests arrived at her home they would be welcomed by the aroma of baked goods. She was best known for her tortes, yeast breads, and her family's favorite, Election Day apple pie. Velta was proud to be an American citizen. She held her country dear to her heart. She was very patriotic and was well informed with world affairs. Velta was a member of the American Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manchester and was involved with the Ladies' Society and partook in baking holiday "piparu kukas" for the annual Christmas bazaar. Along with her children, she leaves her twelve grandchildren, Matthew (Christina Tauris), Andrea LeBlond, Sandra (Paul Clark), Michael Spencer, Ryan (Claire Spencer), Joseph Spencer, Alexander (Lauren Pilpel), Benjamin Pilpel, Helena "Laney" (Donald Dowling), Andrew Koerner, Mara Koerner, and Olivia Koerner. She also leaves her sixteen great grandchildren Alyssa, Matthew, Jonathan, Mia, Selena, Zoe, Asher, Joshua, Madison, MacKenzie, Aiden, Lucas, Grace, Cole, Robert, and Elle. She also leaves behind her niece, Irisa (Juris Narins).

The family will receive friends at Manchester Funeral Home, 142 E Center St, Manchester on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 2:00-5:00 pm. A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Holy Transfiguration Romanian Orthodox Church, 2 Winter St, Manchester. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia (OMFA), c/o Ilze Resnis, 10930 Nollwood Dr, Chardon, OH 44024.

The family has entrusted Manchester Funeral Home with arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at www.manchesterfh.com

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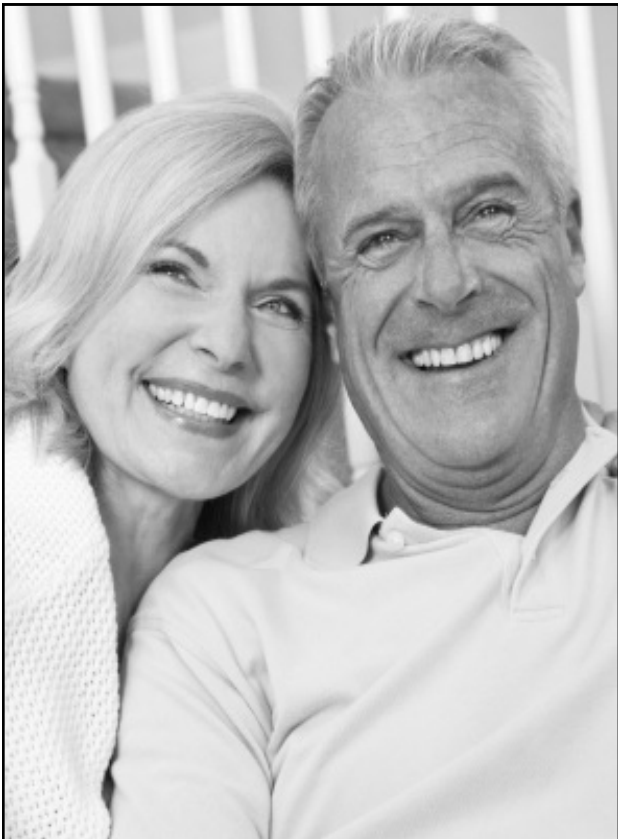
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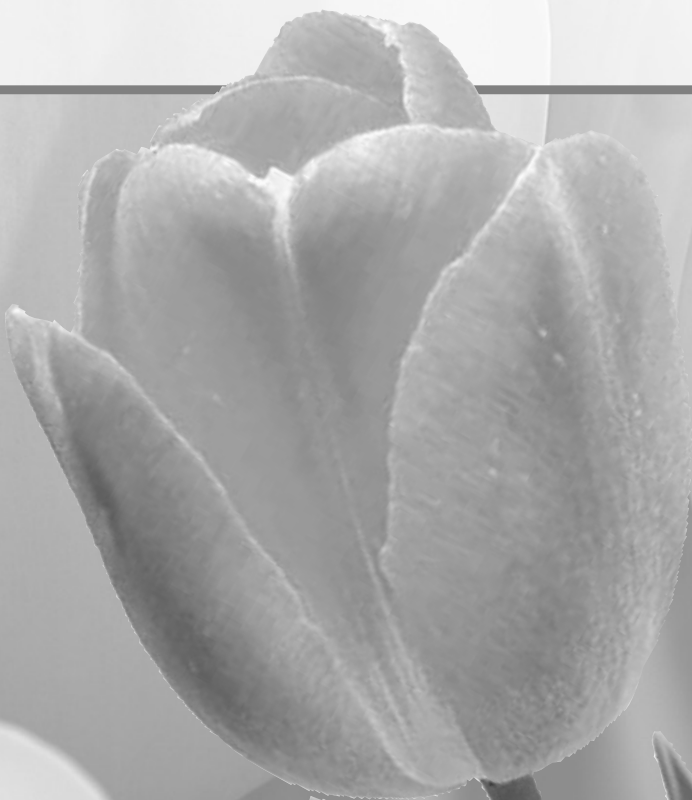
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Demand surges for sub manufacturing

Workforce training efforts ramping up as Navy reportedly mulls outsourcing to meet deadlines

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A workforce training program in eastern Connecticut has doubled the number of classes of prospective employees of Electric Boat and its suppliers facing U.S. Navy deadlines to manufacture a rising number of submarines, particularly

the next-generation Columbia class that's a top military priority. The Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, which operates a manufacturing training pipeline, is offering 50 classes this year, more than double a previous high of 24, said Mark Hill, president of the workforce organization. A class typically includes 12 students

learning welding, pipefitting, sheet metal work and other skills. "Demand has been huge," he said. Electric Boat, a subsidiary of General Dynamics Corp., said in January it plans to hire more than 3,000 workers this year, a 20% increase over 2021 as U.S. military strategy faces rising threats from China and Russia. To meet its deadlines, the Navy is reportedly considering using private shipyards for some construction work.

Janes news source reported last week that Rear Admiral Scott Pappano, program executive officer, Strategic Submarines, said at a forum that the Navy may have to use "strategic outsourcing" to build a Columbia-class submarine and two Virginia-class submarines a year. Outsourcing would involve moving some of the construction to yards that have not traditionally done naval nuclear submarine work, he said. In an emailed statement, Electric

Boat said it's working closely with the Navy to increase its manufacturing capacity, "both internally and through strategic sourcing." U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-2, whose district includes Electric Boat's Groton shipyard, said "all the action in construction" right now is at Electric Boat's Quonset Point, R.I., site and shipbuilding partner Huntington Ingalls Industries in Newport News, Va.

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\$5M set aside to prevent eviction

State funding will help aid housing programs, including in Hartford

By Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

As the number of evictions in Connecticut spikes, the state legislature has set aside \$5 million for eviction prevention programs through the Department of Housing, including an expanded "rent bank" that aims to help tenants and landlords handle missed rent and avoid an eviction.

The rent bank program, which was expanded in the legislature's budget implementer bill, will now provide up to \$3,500, up from \$1,200, over an 18-month period to families facing eviction — typically those whose landlords have already started the eviction process. To qualify, families must be able to document a loss of income or an increase in expenses and earn no more than 60% of the state's median income.

It's set to be a component of the Department of Housing's Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program and serve families at risk of homelessness, eviction or foreclosure.

The program has \$1.5 million in funding for fiscal year 2023.

It's coming on the heels of a federally funded rental aid program that stopped accepting new applications in February. The program, called UniteCT, aims to provide rent assistance to families who were financially impacted by the pandemic.

"Basically, it [rent bank] was something the legal aid programs wanted for a long time, but when UniteCT was functioning, it sort

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Nick Glenn, right, teamed up with WeHa Brewing and Roasting's Cody McCormack for Phatty Wagon Kitchen. CLOE POISSON PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Go on, play with your food

Phatty Wagon Kitchen, now inside WeHa Brewing, wants its customers to have fun

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Nick Glenn wants to enjoy himself and not take anything too seriously. He wants his customers to enjoy themselves, too. So he put a lot of humor into his new restaurant, Phatty Wagon Kitchen, which opened Wednesday inside WeHa Brewing and Roasting in West Hartford.

"I like food to be fun. We're never the people to say, 'don't play with your food,'" said Glenn, who works in collaboration with the brewery's Cody McCormack.

Glenn, whose business cards call him "the owner of this food circus," chose the name Phatty Wagon

Kitchen and its logo — a burger crossed with two meat cleavers, like a pirate flag — to be goofy, as well as its slogan, "Go Stuff Yourself." And he chose his food to be, well, phatty.

"None of it is super healthy. The food has to hold up against beer, to make the drive home better," he said. "We won't be selling dainty salads and appetizers. Even our wraps, which are healthier, aren't really healthy. And our vegetable plate is all fried."

He has fun with recipes. He admits his tacos — a taco shell wrapped in a flour tortilla with a layer of melted cheese between —

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The Fancy Patty is two 4-ounce handcrafted patties topped with arugula, brown sugar caramelized onions, bacon fig jam, cheddar and crispy bacon.

National Guard members on state duty can now unionize

DOJ agreement ends lawsuit filed in Connecticut

Associated Press

HARTFORD — The Department of Justice has given the green light to National Guard members on active duty for their states to join labor unions, despite a U.S. law that makes it a felony for military personnel on active federal duty to unionize.

The agreement, finalized Tuesday, settles a lawsuit filed in federal court in Connecticut by labor unions against Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Justice Department, seeking collective

bargaining rights for Connecticut National Guard members on state duty ordered by the governor.

Already, the case has prompted some National Guard members in Texas to unionize.

A 1978 federal law makes it a criminal felony for members of the armed forces, including the National Guard, to join or attempt to form a labor organization.

But the statute only applies to service members when they are on active federal duty ordered by

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Big plans for Wethersfield schools

\$271M proposal would modernize and expand elementary buildings

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Wethersfield's school system wants a fall referendum on its proposed \$271 million modernization of the town's elementary schools.

After years of study, the school board this month endorsed a plan to replace two schools, renovate and expand two others and shut down the fourth.

Construction would be done in stages over a decade, and in the

end about 30% of Wethersfield's elementary grade students would be transferred to different schools than the ones they attend now, educators said.

The town council heard a presentation last week and expects to decide June 6 whether to schedule a fall referendum on the plan. It also will vote on whether the school administration can submit paperwork for state reimbursement of the first phase of the work; the deadline to be considered for 2023 funding is June 30.

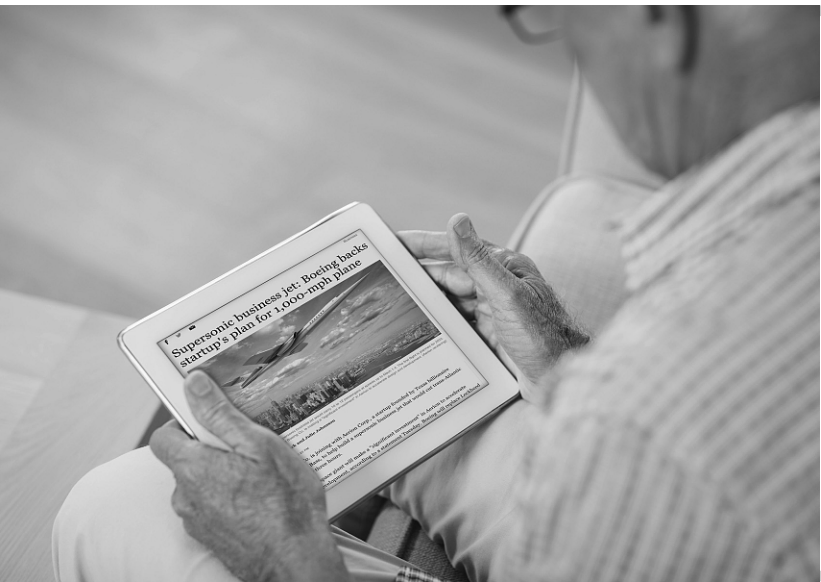
The plan would "incorporate a combination of building new, renovating and contracting from five schools to four," Superintendent Michael Emmett told the council

on May 10.

Planner Patrick Gallagher of the SLAM Collaborative, a Glastonbury architectural firm advising the school board, told the council that long-term enrollment projections for Wethersfield suggest no major increase or decline in elementary-age students over the next decade.

Many other Connecticut communities saw population drops after the 2008 recession, followed by recent upticks, he said. But Wethersfield has stayed relatively consistent, and its overall public school enrollment holds steady at about 1,900, he said.

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Police: Plate-reading cameras meant to fight crime

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — License plate-reading cameras have been placed around West Hartford to help solve and reduce crime, police said.

The 13 cameras were installed in strategic areas during a trial period for testing and evaluation that runs through June 30, Assistant Police Chief Lawrence Terra said Wednesday. Built by Flock Safety, the cameras are not meant to record plates for traffic and parking offenses, but rather for serious crimes, police said.

The cameras capture vehicle information, not people or faces, and send instant alerts to police

when a stolen car or wanted suspect from a state or national database enters town, police said. The cameras also can send alerts if a vehicle associated with a missing person in an AMBER or Silver Alert is detected.

Police want to see how efficient, cost effective and useful the system is and plan to compare the Flock Safety cameras with similar products made by other companies, Terra said.

Police say they will maintain an updated policy around the system. Each search requires justification, and the data is never sold or shared with third parties, police said.

In January, East Hartford police credited evidence from a recently

installed street camera with helping to arrest a juvenile suspect in the fatal shooting of another teenager. The \$570,000 system feeds into a police intelligence center designed to monitor crime hot spots.

The dozen cameras in East Hartford are positioned above streets and intersections to capture images of vehicles and license plates. Police said the cameras provide what reluctant witnesses will not and also can reinforce witness statements.

Hartford police have used an extensive system of street cameras for years, along with fixed and vehicle-mounted license plate-reading cameras, police spokesman Lt. Aaron Bois-

vert said.

Atlanta-based Flock Safety is described on its website as a public safety operating system that helps communities and law enforcement in over 1,500 cities work together to eliminate crime. The company cites statistics from the International Association of Chiefs of Police that up to 70% of crime involves the use of a vehicle, making registration records crucial to many investigations.

Flock Safety technology, according to the company, integrates with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), to provide alerts to dispatchers and patrol officers on plates associated with outstanding warrants, missing persons, and stolen vehicles.

“Since stolen vehicles are often used to perpetuate more crime and the inhabitants of those vehicles are more likely to have been involved in violent crime,” the company says, “a stop of a stolen vehicle as a result of a Flock alert disrupts the crime cycle by removing criminal transportation and arresting suspects.”

The company’s customers own all data and footage collected, according to Flock Safety. Once captured, footage is transmitted immediately to a secure cloud server and encrypted at every point along the way, according to the company.

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3 arrested in armed robbery, police chase

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

West Hartford police arrested three people Tuesday after an armed robbery at Home Depot and a chase into Hartford.

About 9 a.m., police were sent to the store on New Park Avenue on a reported shoplifting. Loss prevention workers tried to stop two men who reportedly had stolen merchandise, but they continued walking to a vehicle in the lot. After the workers struggled to recover a cart with stolen goods, one of the thieves pointed a gun at the security personnel, police said.

The pair then loaded the loot into a black Land Rover, with help from a woman who had been sitting in the vehicle, and exited onto New Park Avenue. Officers quickly located the Land Rover, but the driver would not stop and fled into Hartford on I-84. During the chase, one of the three tossed out the firearm near Exit 46.

Police said they later recovered what turned out to be a facsimile gun.

With help from Capitol Regional Auto Theft Task Force officers, police found the Land Rover in the area of Capen and Vine streets and three suspects were taken into custody without incident, police said.

Juan Surillo, 38, of Hartford, faces charges of first-degree robbery, fourth-degree larceny, carrying a dangerous weapon, engaging police in pursuit and reckless driving, among other charges. Surillo was held on a \$150,000 bond.

Also arrested were Jorge Maldonado-Ramos, 34, whose last known address was in Hartford, and Elizabeth Kobus, 33, of Hartford, both charged with fourth-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit fourth-degree larceny. Both were released without having to post bail, police said.

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Modules for the Columbia are built at Quonset Point and sent by barge to Groton, said Courtney, chairman of the House Armed Services Seapower and Projection Forces subcommittee that oversees the Navy.

As much as \$750 million already is spent on submarine parts and components made outside the Electric Boat shipyards for the Columbia program, Courtney said.

“It’s all about the schedule, to get things done,” he said.

For decades, U.S. military strategy focused on land-based war, particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. More recently policy shifted to undersea warfare, forcing Electric Boat and other Navy suppliers to pivot quickly.

The Submarine Industrial Base

Council has said low-rate submarine production over the years has “resulted in a fragile industrial base with many single or sole source suppliers.”

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Electric Boat’s Groton shipyard will continue to be the prime contractor.

“It’s going to bear responsibility for meeting schedules and delivering subs on time and on budget, which they have been doing,” he said. “No work is moving out of Groton.”

The Pentagon is concerned that Electric Boat can produce two Virginia-class submarines a year, Blumenthal said.

“They can do it. There’s no question in my mind they can do it,” he said.

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of made it unnecessary,” said Rafie Podolsky, an attorney at the Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut.

The rent bank program will generally provide smaller sums than UniteCT, which had a limit of \$15,000 for rental assistance.

In recent months, as the pandemic aid program winds down and state and federal protections against eviction have expired, eviction filings have risen. In March, there were 2,501 evictions filed in Connecticut, the highest in a month since at least 2017, according to data from the Connecticut Fair Housing Center and the CT Data Collaborative.

And housing costs are rising nationwide, making it more difficult for many to afford rent.

“You’re looking at the very moment, you’re getting now this enhanced number of evictions coming in,” Podolsky said. “There’s this backlog of people moving their cases into eviction. There was this concern that somebody had to do something about it.”

Podolsky said he pushed for the inclusion of a rent bank in the budget bill. When a similar program was operating in past years, the Department of Housing worked with community partners to dole out the dollars.

The way these partners operated varied. Some went to the courthouse on days of eviction cases to see if nonpayment of rent cases could be mediated, Podolsky said.

It’s not yet clear if the program will run this way in the upcoming fiscal year.

The details of the program, as

well as the other eviction prevention measures included in the budget, are still in development, said Aaron Turner, a spokesman for the Department of Housing, which is set to manage the program.

“The intention is to make sure that we help the most vulnerable,” said housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno in an interview.

The budget also included \$1.5 million for the Coordinated Access Networks, which aim to streamline the process of accessing services for families experiencing homelessness. Through the system, providers collaborate to provide services efficiently to individuals experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis.

Connecticut residents can access the system by calling 211.

The allocation in the budget is meant to support the existing programs including the 211 system, Mosquera-Bruno said.

The other eviction prevention program included in the budget is \$2 million for rent assistance through Project Longevity. Project Longevity is a community-based initiative that’s designed to reduce gun violence in the state’s cities.

The assistance will be available in Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury, according to the budget.

The Department is working with Project Longevity, the Department of Corrections and the Court Supportive Services Division on “the best way to implement those funds,” Turner said in an email.

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Phatty Wagon Kitchen's Suroeste Pollo is made with spicy grilled chicken, bell peppers, brown sugar caramelized onions, bacon, spicy BBQ sauce, shredded cheese and topped with cilantro. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Phatty

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was inspired by the Cheesy Gordita Crunch at Taco Bell. “There’s no shame in my game,” he said. “It’s just a fun way to do it, the texture, the melted cheese. It’s almost like a taco grilled cheese sandwich.”

He goofs around with food names, too. His buffalo chicken burger is the “Buff Chick,” and his buffalo chicken wrap is “I Already Used Buff Chick.” His nachos are “Nachos de Culo Grande,” which means “Big-Ass Nachos.”

Glenn got his start in the business at age 13, at Full Belli Deli in his hometown of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. He moved to Connecticut at 16 and later worked at Carmen Anthony Fishhouse in Wethersfield and New Haven, and Taphouse 150 in Cromwell. He now lives in New Britain. His girlfriend, Kara

Robinson, helps in the restaurant with marketing, website and social media.

The food complements the 12 varieties of beer made on-site. “His menu vision fit in here very well,” McCormack said.

“Little Phatties” apps are wings (\$16.50), fried cauliflower or truffle fries (\$13.95), fried veggies (\$12.95) and nachos (\$15.95).

Eight-ounce “Phatty Patties” burgers start with the basic “Average Joe” (\$14.50). At \$16.50 are “Fancy Patty,” with bacon fig jam and arugula; “Truffle Shuffle,” with truffle oil and mushrooms; and “Hombre Gordo,” with shredded birria on top. “Franken-phatty,” with a chicken breast on top, is \$17.95.

Eight-ounce chicken burgers are \$15.95 to \$16.50. Choices are “Classic Chick,” “Flaming Falco” with Nashville hot sauce, “Buff Chick,” “Mo-Town Phatty” with sauteed peppers and “Ranch

Hand” with BBQ sauce.

“Tacos Gordos” have grilled and fried chicken varieties at \$15.95 and hamburger and birria beef varieties at \$16.50.

“Kinda Fit, Kinda Phat Wraps,” of grilled chicken, buffalo chicken, chicken patty and all veg, are \$14.95 to \$16.50. Fried Oreos are the “Phatty Finisher,” at \$9.95.

Phatty Wagon Kitchen is open at WeHa Brewing & Roasting, 141 Shield St. in West Hartford, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Those who order online get 10% off their first order. Trivia Nights are Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. Live music is performed on Friday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. and occasional weekend afternoons. phattywagon.com. wehabrewing.com.

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Schools

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“You’re a built-out community. We’re not anticipating significant new housing development that would drive enrollment beyond what we’re planning today,” Gallagher said.

However, some sections of town have been drawing more families in recent years, so the enrollment balance between the system’s five schools has been shifting. Most of the schools were built in the 1960s, the newest dates to 1970. Wethersfield could better meet the needs of modern classes and school activities with buildings designed now, educators said.

“One of the keys to this is a move from five elementary schools to four elementary schools. Under the plan we would see new schools built at the Highcrest and Hamner sites,” he told the council.

The plan is to demolish Hamner, which was built in 1967, and Highcrest, built in 1969. Both would be

replaced by larger, far more modern buildings on different locations but on the same overall property.

Wethersfield would extensively renovate the Emerson-Williams and Webb schools, and close James Wright Elementary School. Before Highcrest is taken offline, it would be the “swing” school accommodating the student body of each of the other schools as they undergo phased construction.

“Going from five to four means that the district will need to redraw the attendance lines. That will occur once the final building project is completed,” Gallagher said.

Peak enrollment at three schools over the next decade is projected to hit in 2028-29: 439 students at Hamner, 463 at Emerson-Williams and 461 at Webb. The peak at Highcrest would be 644 in 2023-24, he said. Highcrest would have four sections at each grade level, while the others would have three.

The Hamner and Highcrest parts of the project would be done first if voters authorize it, according to planners.

Chuck Warrington of Madison-based Colliers Project Leaders, another consultant on the project, said the current cost estimates include projections for stiff inflation in the construction market.

“We’re all seeing what’s going on with (cost) escalation. It’s probably the most volatile time in the market for going out to bid,” Warrington said.

The cost projections are estimating \$400 per square foot construction cost, and reflect contractors’ bids for recent, similar projects in the state, he said.

“This reflects bid numbers, not estimates. We carried 8% escalation out to 2025 — that can certainly fluctuate,” he told the council.

For projects that will continue between 2026 and 2029, estimators worked with a 5% annual inflation cost.

Estimators calculate the state government will shoulder \$107 million of the cost, leaving Wethersfield taxpayers to cover \$164 million.

Unions

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U.S. military officials, according to the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School, which represented the unions in the lawsuit, filed in November.

“Before this case, unions were understandably deterred from organizing state active duty National Guard members due to the potential for criminal penalties,” Rekha Kennedy, a Yale law student working for the clinic, said in statement.

“With this reassurance from the DOJ, unions nationwide can begin the process of building relationships with Guard members without fear of prosecution,” Kennedy said.

Connecticut Guard members were waiting for the agreement to be finalized before beginning unionizing efforts, but some Texas

National Guard members already have moved ahead with their plans, joining the Texas State Employees Union starting in February.

Texas members said they were encouraged by a January court filing in the Connecticut case where the Justice Department acknowledged the federal ban did not apply to National Guard members on state duty.

Some Texas National Guard members have criticized their working and living conditions at the U.S.-Mexico border, where Gov. Greg Abbott has sent them to help in efforts to arrest migrants crossing the border.

“We’ve been rapidly activated with no notice, often working long shifts on irregular schedules, and living in poor conditions far from our families and homes,” Texas National Guard member Hunter Schuler said in a statement Wednesday in response to the Connecticut lawsuit settlement.

“Meanwhile, our education benefits have been cut, we’re subjected to inconsistent and unclear leave policies, and we lack benefits comparable to those received on federal service such as health insurance,” he said. “DOJ’s position confirms that we are free to organize and fight for changes that every service member deserves.”

The Justice Department, Connecticut National Guard and Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont’s office did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment Wednesday.

“Members of the Connecticut National Guard now have additional reassurances that our rights will be upheld through union advocacy,” Walter Morton, a Connecticut National Guard member, said in a statement.

CONNECTICUT

Bikers on a mission to help animal rescues

As returned pandemic puppies drive need at area shelters, group will ride through on Saturday

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

Bikers Against Animal Cruelty will make four stops in the area Saturday to drop off food and supplies to rescue organizations — and the public is invited to watch them in action or even donate along the route.

“Shelters in the area are in desperate need,” said B.A.A.C. spokeswoman Rosalie DeCrosta, 73, and a member who prefers to drive a car.

DeCrosta said the demand for supplies is high since dogs adopted during the pandemic are being dropped off at shelters in record numbers after people have returned to work and believe they can no longer take care of them. One organization received 23 surrenders in one weekend, she said.

“These poor little guys are now in shelters and they’re scared,” she said. “All the rescues are scrambling to get good homes.”

BAAC is an organization of motorcycle enthusiasts who ride to raise awareness of animal abuse and meet needs though education and donations of food, supply, and money.

Saturday’s events will begin at 10:30 at The Simon Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit at 120 Rescue Road in Bloomfield, where they will drop off food, supplies and take donations.

“Kickstands” will go up at 11 a.m. and after that they will go on to three other locations to do the same: Dog Star Rescue, 12 Tobey Road, Bloomfield; Burlington Animal Control, 200 Spielman Highway, Burlington; and Animal Rescue Foundation, 366 Main St,

Terryville.

Longtime BAAC president Greg Belcher, who drives a Harley Davidson Road King, said it’s all about the “mission.”

“I like helping and animals and I like riding my bike ... Of course, helping animals always comes first,” he said.

Paula DeProspero, adoption coordinator for dogs at The Simon Foundation, a no-kill animal rescue and adoption center, said their organization coordinates often with BAAC.

“They work tirelessly to support deserving and challenged animals,” she said of the group.

DeCrosta, known affectionately in the group as “Momma Rosie” said the organization was formed in 2007 in response to the illegal dog-fighting scandal involving former NFL quarterback Michael Vick.

They started with 22 members and now have about 80 from Connecticut and several other

states. They are headquartered in North Haven, where they have a warehouse.

The group’s logo is a circle with a pawprint, horseshoe and bird foot, to signify they will stand up for and help any kind of animal.

DeCrosta said the group regularly holds events to raise funds to help animals without homes who are victims of abuse or neglect.

She said they do a lot of education promoting proper pet ownership, funding a spay and neuter program for undeserved families, facilitating rehoming, helping foster animals, and protesting animal injustice.

DeCrosta, an animal lover, who is also Belcher’s mother-in-law, said she became involved with the group about 10 years ago when her daughter and Belcher said they needed a public relations and marketing person.

The biker aspect of the group is interesting to people and it’s fun watching them in action. There

are the unique, “beautiful” motorcycles, she said, and the loudness when they arrive all at once.

She, like many others at first, held stereotypes about bikers until she got to know the group.

“If you saw these guys — they’re wearing leather and they have beards,” she said. “If I saw them 10 years ago, I think I’d cross the street.” There are women in the group too.

DeCrosta said all the preconceived images quickly disappear when one gets to know members as they hold a kitten or become teary-eyed over a story about animal abuse.

“I’d trust my life with every single one of them. They are wonderful people,” she said.

DeCrosta hopes members of the public stop by Saturday to root them on.

“People are invited to show up and see what we do,” DeCrosta said.

For more information, visit bikersagainstanimalcruelty.org.

UConn dish wins best vegan recipe in national contest

Storrs’ Robert Landolphi serves up plant-based, quesadilla variation on Venezuelan corn pancake

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

A variation on a Venezuelan corn pancake served in one of UConn’s dining halls won a gold medal this week in a nationwide competition for the best vegan recipe served on a college campus, UConn announced.

Cinnamon Chipotle Cachapas with Black Bean Avocado Salsa and Pickled Red Onions, created by Robert Landolphi, was honored by the National Association of College and University Food Services.

Landolphi, assistant director of culinary development on the Storrs campus, said even those who aren’t students can taste his award-winning dish. In the fall, it will be placed on the menu rotation at McMahon dining hall, which is open to the public.

Landolphi said when the vegan recipe contest was coming up, he altered a nonvegan recipe.

“I added a little more spice to the pancake itself, with the cinnamon chipotle spice flavor. Then I made it

like a quesadilla, the pancake folding over with cheese in it, a tofu-based cheese that melts beautifully and is really creamy,” he said.

“The contest rules were that it had to have at least seven grams of protein. So I added the black bean avocado salsa, with corn and lime,” he said. “Then I topped it with pickled red onions to give it more tang.”

The plant-based options at UConn are growing. Last year the campus opened its first entirely meatless cafe, CrossRoads, in the Wilbur Cross Building. Landolphi said it has been popular. Vegetarian and vegan options are at every campus dining spot. Landolphi said the expanded choices focus not just on vegetarians and vegans, but flexitarians, people who eat meat but who lean toward plant-based options.

“They are trying some of these dishes and saying, ‘I’d give up a meat dish once or twice a week and eat this,’” he said. “There has been an increase in demand for tofu, legumes, produce and the popular



Cinnamon Chipotle Cachapas, created by Robert Landolphi and served at UConn, won a gold medal for best vegan dish served on a college campus from the National Association of College and University Food Services. COURTESY

plant-based products such as vegan chicken filets and nuggets, burgers, sausages.”

Landolphi said about 1.4% of the UConn community is vegan and about 5% are vegetarian.

Another of Landolphi’s vegan recipes, the Not So Crabby Vegan Crab Cakes with Remoulade Sauce, won the gold medal in 2016. It is on the menu rotation at all eight dining halls.

Two other recipes won NACUFS prizes in the past and are no longer

on the menus, a vegan meatball banh mi, which won gold in 2018, and a white bean gnocchi with Brussels sprouts, which won bronze in 2020. The contest is held every two years.

Those who want to make UConn’s dishes at home can find recipes at dining.uconn.edu/recipes. Those who want to see the currently available menu rotations can visit dining.uconn.edu.

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— Robert Landolphi, assistant director of culinary development at UConn’s Storrs campus and creator of the award-winning vegan recipe

Bushnell Park offers free fun for the family

Carousel rides, movies, games and concerts on tap this summer

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The arrival of the warm weather coincides with two family-friendly events taking place at Bushnell Park, sponsored by the Bushnell Park Foundation.

First, the foundation is hosting its inaugural Merry-Go-May event this weekend, with free carousel rides from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, followed by a free outdoor screening of “The Secret Life of Pets 2.”

On Saturday there will be free rides on the carousel from noon to 5 p.m., along with free tours of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch from noon to 1:30 p.m., lawn games and free face painting from 3 to 5 p.m.

“The weather looks fabulous, so we’re excited,” Mary Zeman, manager of the Bushnell Park Foundation, said. “We’re opening up and reminding people of the carousel and the park. We’re ready for the great weather. We hope to see a lot of people.”

Snacks and beverages will be available for sale at the carousel. The Park Scoop, the ice cream cart donated to the foundation, will have ice cream for sale both days.

The foundation is also hosting the second annual Hopgood/Lord Summer Music Series on six-consecutive Wednesday nights beginning June 1.

The series is named for Suzanne Hopgood and her late husband, Frank Lord, who died in July 2020. Both have been major benefactors in Hartford for years, Zeman said.

The free concerts will take place



The Bushnell Park Carousel will offer free rides Friday and Saturday, along with other activities in the Hartford park. COURANT FILE

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with free carousel rides preceding the music from 5 to 6:30 p.m. as well as free tours of the arch.

The six groups playing the series are: Professors of Sweet Music (June 1), Haneef N. Nelson Quintet (June 8), Mixed Company (June 15), Michael Carabello Trio (June 22), The Harvest Band (June 29) and The Emmett Goods Quintet (July 6).

“All the acts, if they’re not from Hartford, then they’re from the Greater Hartford region,” Zeman said. “We’re highlighting Hartford musicians.”

The Park Scoop will also be on hand, Zeman said.

“Frank Lord, his favorite thing was ice cream,” Zeman said. “His picture is on The Park Scoop. All of his friends laugh about it, and they did a taste test naming an ice cream flavor after him.”

Zeman said the foundation is excited to not only host events at Bushnell Park but to incorporate the iconic carousel, which was built in 1914 and has been at the park since 1974.

The foundation just started to manage the carousel last August, Zeman said.

“It’s wonderful to now have the carousel under our management,” she said. “We can offer the community a lot more free events. This is their park. We’re excited to do it.”

As Lamont promotes clean energy record, Stefanowski wary on cost

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont and his Republican challenger, Bob Stefanowski, clashed last year over the tabled Transportation and Climate Initiative, disagreeing over what it would have meant to Connecticut’s environment and the price of gasoline.

But the extent of their differences on climate change is only now being explored: As Lamont aggressively promotes his record, Stefanowski is non-committal regarding his support for meeting clean-energy goals set by the governor.

Lamont this week conducted a ceremonial signing of two bipartisan clean-energy bills near a solar array in Bloomfield, a predominantly Black suburb chosen to underscore the racial justice component of curbing greenhouse emissions.

One sets a goal of 2040 for all electricity supplied to Connecticut ratepayers to be carbon free, codifying in law an executive order issued by Lamont in 2019. The other increases the market for electricity generated for commercial customers by small-scale renewables, generally solar and fuel cells.

The ceremony was about more than two bills: It also is an element of a campaign to reboot an energy debate in which concerns over costs have overwhelmed consideration of environment needs and benefits.

“I don’t want an opposition between ratepayers and environmentalists. I want to show how we’re able to do this together,” Lamont said. “We’re able to save you money and save the environment.”

With inflation rampant and Connecticut’s electricity costs the highest in the continental U.S.,

Lamont and Stefanowski each stepped warily around the prospect of doing anything that would raise the cost of gasoline or electricity.

“This was Ned Lamont’s pivot after people rejected his gas tax initiative that would have added nearly twenty-six cents per gallon to the price of gas,” Stefanowski said in a text message.

The “gas tax initiative” was a reference to the TCI, the regional Transportation and Climate Initiative, a complicated cap-and-invest plan that would set limits on carbon emissions from motor vehicles, initially estimated to add 5 cents to the cost of a gallon of gasoline. A Tufts University study projected the costs eventually could go as high as 38 cents by 2032 as the limits fall.

On the broader questions of the state’s role in combating climate change and his support for the current clean-energy goals, Stefanowski indicated support for alternative energy — so long as there was no cost.

“I believe the future has to be in alternate energy sources, we see the opportunity for new energy sources like green hydrogen to bring jobs and support a cleaner environment, but we cannot do that at the cost of residents and taxpayers,” Stefanowski said by text.

Stefanowski was to hold a press conference Wednesday, his first since accepting the Republican nomination on May 6. He spoke against TCI last year, long before formally opening his second campaign for governor.

TCI would require fuel wholesalers to purchase, at auction, allowances permitting them to sell gasoline — essentially putting a price on carbon pollution. The intent was to raise money for

green-energy investments while pushing consumers away from fossil fuels.

While Lamont and Katie Dykes, the commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, spoke Tuesday about Connecticut’s progress towards a carbon-free electric grid, they acknowledged that transportation emissions are increasing — and they are the largest source of greenhouse gases.

Despite that trend, Lamont displayed no appetite for another debate on TCI. He was noncommittal when asked about its possible resurrection.

“It’s one step at a time. I think we’re making incredible progress here right now,” Lamont said. “And frankly, gasoline prices are pretty darn high.”

Lamont will hold another ceremonial signing at a time to be determined for Senate Bill 4, the Connecticut Clean Air Act.

It is intended to accelerate Connecticut’s embrace of electric vehicles with investments in charging infrastructure, tax rebates for e-bikes and electric motor vehicles, and tighter deadlines for electrifying transit and school bus fleets.

Unlike the bills celebrated this week, its passage was partisan.

On Tuesday, the emphasis was on the progress in generating electricity from renewable sources. Today, the electric grid is 65% carbon free, Dykes said.

A commitment to the purchase of electricity generated by off-shore wind turbines scheduled to come on line off Martha’s Vineyard in 2026 will put the state’s 100% carbon-free electricity goal in reach, Dykes said.

The cost of reaching a carbon-free grid by 2040 was deemed to be “indeterminate” by the legislature’s non-partisan legislative analysts.

Mark Pazniokas is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (<https://ctmirror.org/>)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION
Town of Old Saybrook
Zoning Board of Appeals

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 75-86, effective May 8, 1975, notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals has rendered decisions on the following appeals heard at their Regular Meeting held on May 11, 2022. These decisions have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Old Saybrook, Town Hall.

21/22-17C Maryam Elahi seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway riparian buffer & structure setback/100' required/ all activity within 100' proposed) and 68.1.2B9 (tidal wetland setback/50' required/ 2.3' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 160 s.f. sunroom on existing deck with deck above. at 560 Main Street, Map 23/Lot 9-3, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone. **GRANTED/CAM APPROVED**

21/22-21 Cary Wallach seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/ 11.2' proposed to east and 10.5' to the west); and Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/21.2' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of two dormer additions totaling 94.5 s.f. at 14 Whitney Avenue, Map 20/Lot 63, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone **DENIED**

21/22-26 Steven Vaughn seeks a variance of Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage Gateway Conservation Zone/15% allowed/17% proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit construction of a 336 s.f. detached garage at 9 Willard Avenue Extension, Map 24/ Lot 14, Residence A District, Gateway Conservation Zone, Coastal Area Management Zone. **GRANTED W/ CONDITION**

21/22-20C Owen & Jeanne Gade seek a variance of Par 10.8.3 (non-conforming lot size/12,500 s.f. required/ 12,129 s.f. proposed); Par 24.6.2A (structure coverage within Gateway Conservation Zone/15% allowed/19.7% proposed), Par 53.1. accessory apartment B (minimum lot area accessory apartment/at least 12,500 s.f. required/12,129 s.f. proposed); and 51.3.detached accessory apartments B (bulk standard requirements/must meet all standards/ does not meet lot size or 15% Gateway coverage) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 1,439 s.f detached accessory dwelling unit with a two car garage at 20 Fenwick Street, Map 24/Lot 61, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone, Gateway Conservation Zone. **GRANTED/CAM APPROVED**

Located at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 19th day of May, 2022
Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Gadon, Chairman
5/19/2022 7210824

TOWN OF CROMWELL
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
LEGAL NOTICE

The Cromwell Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency will hold a Regular Meeting and a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following item:

1. Application #22-02: Request to conduct activities within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area to allow for the construction of a road and warehouse at 94A and 102 Court Street, 76 and 80R Geer Street and 210 Shunpike Road. Scannell Properties #576, LLC is the Applicant and Dilys B. and Henry P. Jr. McIntyre, Gardner's Nurseries Inc. and Paramount Property LLC are the Owners.

John Whitney
Chairman

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this 16th day of May 2022.
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LEGAL NOTICE
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kNmV2VlI3VVV1TUNINEZRSesOQT09>
Meeting ID: 961 7441 7686
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866
One Mobile: tel://9294362866, 96174417686# to hear the following:

21/22-25C 201 North Cove Associates, LLC seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway riparian buffer & structure setback/100' required/46' proposed); Par 58.7 (height Gateway Conservation Zone/35' permitted/37' 11" proposed); Par 23.4.2 (maximum number of stories/2 ½ allowed/3 proposed); and Par 23.5.1 (street line setback/35' required/7' to portico, 8' to sunroom, and 23' to roof overhang proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 525 s.f. detached garage, 934 s.f. addition, a 320 s.f. sunroom, a 450 s.f. pool and 380 s.f. detached deck at 201 North Cove Road, Map 32/Lot 011, Residence AA-2 District, Gateway Conservation Zone, Coastal Area Management Zone and VE 15/AE 11 Flood Zone.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication in advance. Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-board-appeals
Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Gadon, Chairman
5/12& 5/19/22 7203855

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 578 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT 06804, May 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Craig Vandenburg unit 2427, furniture. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
5/12, 5/19/2022 7207305

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Judith L. D'Anna (22-00409)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated May 12, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Jayson D'Anna
460 Allen Street
New Britain, CT 06053

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joseph J. Pistilli, AKA Joseph John Pistilli (22-00294)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated May 12, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Cheryl Pistilli
117 Deerfield Drive
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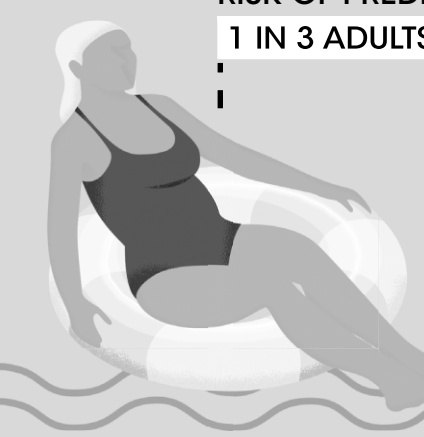
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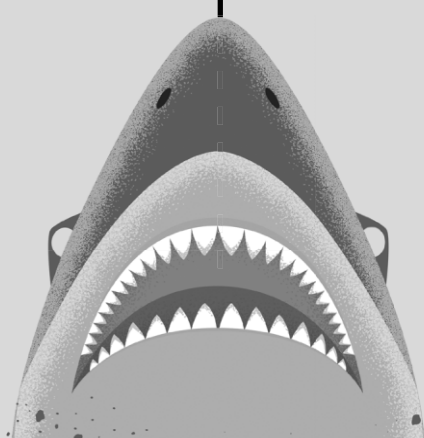


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A 12-year-old patient saw Dr. Melissa Dennison, a pediatrician, after cutting herself at the end of last year in Glasgow, Kentucky. ANNIE FLANAGAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

A rising mental health crisis

Pediatricians hold the front line as depression soars among teens

By Matt Richtel
The New York Times

GLASGOW, Ky. — One crisp Monday morning in January, Dr. Melissa Dennison sat in a small, windowless exam room with a 14-year-old girl and her mother. Omicron was ripping through Kentucky, and the girl was among three dozen young patients — two of them positive for the coronavirus — that the pediatrician would see that day.

But this girl was part of a different epidemic, one that has gripped the community and nation since long before COVID-19: She and her mother had come to discuss the girl's declining mental health.

The girl was depressed, she told Dennison, and had been cutting her arm to relieve her emotional pain. Dennison suggested therapy, but the girl said she would not go.

After the exam, Dennison stood in the hallway and described the case. "You need to get off the phone and the computer," she had told the girl. "When it's pretty outside like this, put on a bunch of clothes and go for a walk." Dennison prescribed

the antidepressant Zoloft, although she wasn't sure the girl was clinically depressed.

"I'd rather they see a psychiatrist," she said. "But if I've got this child and they're cutting and saying they're going to kill themselves, I'll say, 'Well, I'll see them today.' If I call a child psychiatrist, they say, 'I'll see them in a month.'"

Over the last three decades, the major health risks facing U.S. adolescents have shifted drastically: Teenage pregnancy and alcohol, cigarette and drug use have fallen while anxiety, depression, suicide and self-harm have soared. In 2019, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a report noting that "mental health disorders have surpassed physical conditions" as the most common issues causing "impairment and limitation" among adolescents.

But the medical system has failed to keep up, and the transformation has increasingly put emergency rooms and pediatricians at the forefront of mental health care. Community doctors now routinely deal with complex psychiatric issues, making tough diagno-

ses after brief visits and prescribing powerful psychiatric medications for lack of better alternatives. "Pediatricians need to take on a larger role in addressing mental health problems," the 2019 AAP report concluded. "Yet, the majority of pediatricians do not feel prepared to do so."

In Glasgow, as elsewhere, there are counselors in the schools and therapists in town. But they are often booked months out. Seventy percent of counties in the United States lack a psychiatrist specializing in children or adolescents — and the psychiatrists who can be found are concentrated in wealthier areas, with many accepting only private payments.

"There's a need and nowhere else to go," Dr. David Lohr, a child and adolescent psychiatrist at the University of Louisville, said of the growing role of primary-care doctors in mental health.

Dennison, 62, has adapted. Two decades ago, she routinely prescribed antibiotics and saw patients with "strep throat, earaches and wheezing," she said. She estimated that, back then, 1% of her cases related to mental and behavioral health; now at least 50% do.

Over two days, Dennison had 66 appointments, 20

of them related to mental and behavioral health. She dealt with patients taking a range of drugs, many of which she had prescribed and some of which were combined.

The growing use of psychiatric medications in youth is one metric of the adolescent mental health crisis. From 2015 to 2019, prescriptions for antidepressants rose 38% for teenagers compared with 15% for adults, according to Express Scripts, a major mail-order pharmacy.

Dennison provides advice in addition to medication. She readily shares with families her opinions about the need for their children to put down their devices, exercise and spend time outdoors.

"They have too much screen time, they're not sleeping, on phones all the time," she said. Parents lack the will to make their children disconnect. Poverty, obesity and puberty, which is arriving earlier for many children, are factors, too, she said. "It's hard to have the body of a 15-year-old and the mind of a 12-year-old."

Other adults who work with adolescents in Glasgow have theories about why this generation is burdened with mental health issues. Mallie Boston, who grew up in

town and is now the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Glasgow-Barren County, said that today's teenagers were less physically active and spent less time just hanging out.

At the Boys & Girls Club, she tries to encourage young people to be more physically engaged and expressive. "I try to get them to play dodgeball," she said. "If I can get them to be aggressive, maybe I can get to the root cause of what's happened to them."

On a weekday afternoon, a couple of hundred children and adolescents come to the club to play basketball and volleyball or to hang out. Many are from families that are struggling economically; a few said they didn't see a doctor at all.

"My mom refuses to take me to one," one 15-year-old girl said. "She says there's nothing wrong with me." She and more than a dozen other adolescents from the club agreed to share their thoughts about mental health on the condition that their names not be published, to protect their privacy.

Some described struggling with anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts or self-harm. The girl said she sometimes cut herself with the blade from a pencil sharpener to counter her

anxiety and sadness.

Like many in the group, she said she stayed up late on her phone and slept only a few hours each night. Another girl, 12, was often up until 1 or 2 a.m. looking at TikTok and Snapchat. "I'm overwhelmed a lot, by school," she said. A third girl, 13, described the previous night: "I took a melatonin at 3 o'clock and fell asleep at 3:15."

Recent research found that teenagers with poor sleep habits were more likely to have mental health problems during the pandemic.

Katrina Ayres, the mental health coordinator for the local school district, pointed to another change: Students were deeply focused on themselves, selfie-obsessed, which led them to "think everybody is looking at me," she said. "We're raising a generation that is very 'me' focused."

Under a new program, the schools have surveyed students, and those who are found to be at risk receive counseling, regular check-ins from a teacher or referrals for treatment. As part of a separate program, some of the students distributed food to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"They need to see they're part of a bigger picture," Ayres said.

Study finds heavy antibiotic use tied to development of IBD among seniors

HealthDay News

The more antibiotics that seniors take, the greater their risk of inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD, a new study suggests.

The findings could help explain some of the increase in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (common types of IBD) among older adults, according to the study authors.

"In older adults, we think that environmental

factors are more important than genetics," said lead researcher Dr. Adam Faye. He is an assistant professor of medicine and population health at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

"When you look at younger patients with new diagnoses of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, there's generally a strong family history. But that is not the case in older adults, so it's really something in the environment that is triggering it," Faye

said in a news release.

For the study, Faye and his colleagues analyzed prescribing records for 2.3 million adults aged 60 and older in Denmark who were newly diagnosed with IBD from 2000 to 2018.

The investigators found a link between any antibiotic use and higher rates of IBD, and the risk rose significantly with each course of antibiotics.

Compared to those with no antibiotic use in the previous five years,

one course of antibiotics was associated with a 27% higher risk of a new IBD diagnosis, two courses with a 55% higher risk and three courses with a 67% higher risk. Four courses were tied to a 96% higher risk, and five or more courses with a 236% higher risk, the researchers reported.

Those who'd taken antibiotics within the previous one or two years had the highest rates of new IBD diagnoses, but the risk remained elevated for

those who took the drugs in the previous two to five years, the study found.

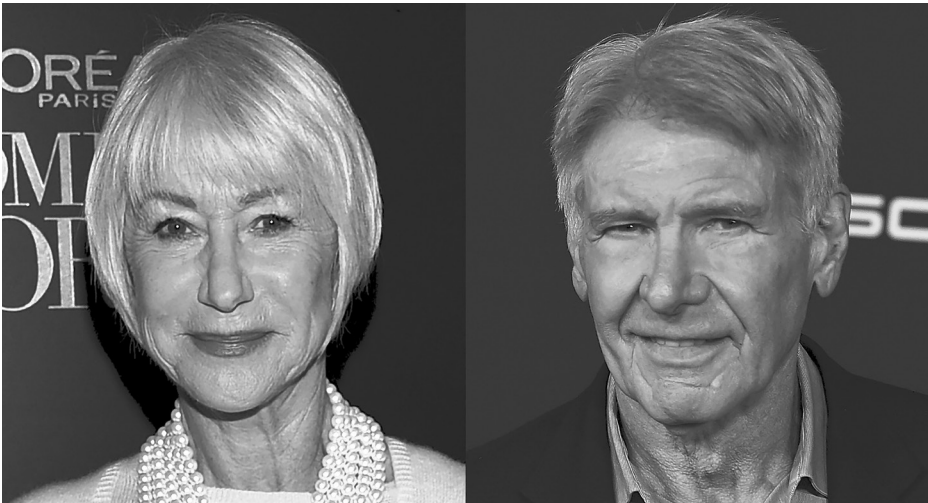
Antibiotics typically prescribed for gastrointestinal infections were the most likely to be associated with a new IBD diagnosis.

The study findings are scheduled for presentation at the Digestive Disease Week meeting. Results presented at medical meetings should be considered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed medical journal.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES



Helen Mirren and Harrison Ford will headline a series with the working title “1932.” AP PHOTOS

Mirren, Ford join ‘Yellowstone’ spinoff

From news services

Helen Mirren and Harrison Ford will bring their combined star power to the newest addition to the “Yellowstone” TV franchise.

The pair will headline a Paramount+ series with the working title “1932,” which joins “1883” as part of what the streaming service called the “origin story” of its “Yellowstone” drama series.

The latest chapter in the Dutton family saga will be set in an early 20th-century Mountain West beset by drought and the Great Depression, among other ills, Paramount+ said. It will debut in December.

Writer-producer Taylor Sheridan is the creative force behind the hit franchise, which began with the contemporary drama “Yellowstone,” led by Kevin Costner. The “1883” prequel stars Faith Hill and Tim McGraw.

Wallace show moves to CNN: Chris Wallace will host a Sunday night interview show for CNN starting this fall, the network said Wednesday in announcing a new home for the best-known personality from the shuttered CNN+ streaming service. “Who’s Talking to Chris Wallace,” which will also stream on HBO Max,

was the program he was doing for CNN+ before new owners Warner Bros. Discovery shut the service down after only a month.

Actor Eva Longoria, who had also signed up for the streaming service, will do a series for CNN where she travels in Mexico to sample the cuisine and culture. “Eva Longoria: Searching for Mexico” is by the same production team that makes “Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy.”

Brady set for Netflix roast: Netflix announced Tuesday that seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady will be featured first in a series of upcoming specials called “Greatest Roasts of All Time: GLOAT.” Brady is the executive producer of the series, with his roast set to tape in 2023. “To quote my good friend, Marshawn Lynch ... ‘I’m just here so I won’t get fined,’” Brady said in a news release, which refers to him as “Gisele Bundchen’s husband” and a “sixth-round NFL draft pick.”

Baron Cohen drops lawsuit over billboard: Actor Sacha Baron Cohen has dropped his lawsuit against a Massachusetts cannabis dispensary that used an image of his character Borat on a billboard without his permission.

A document filed in Boston federal court on Tuesday said the two sides have agreed to dismiss the case brought last year by the “Borat” star. The legal filing did not mention any settlement in the case.

Clapton tests positive for COVID-19: Eric Clapton, a critic of coronavirus vaccines and pandemic restrictions, has tested positive for COVID-19 and canceled two European gigs. Clapton’s shows in Zurich on Tuesday and Milan on Wednesday will be rescheduled, he announced on his Facebook page and official online site. The rocker, 77, tested positive following his May 8 show in London.

“Eric is also anxious to avoid passing on any infection to any of his band, crew, promoters, their staff and of course, the fans,” the statement reads. He hopes to resume the tour starting in Bologna on Friday.

May 19 birthdays: Journalist David Hartman is 87. Actor Nancy Kwan is 83. Musician Pete Townshend is 77. Model Grace Jones is 74. Actor Jason Gray-Stanford is 52. TV personality Kim Zolciak Biermann is 44. Singer Shooter Jennings is 43. Comedian Michael Che is 39. Actor Eric Lloyd is 36. Singer Sam Smith is 30.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Young military marriage pivots to divorce

Dear Amy: My daughter has been married almost a year. Her husband is in the military, and they had to get hitched so she could live with him during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

They live on an isolated military base. She takes care of the house, started a business, volunteers for the Red Cross and has a dog keep her busy.

She just graduated from college, but there is no work on the base for her.

He came home from work last night and told her he has been unhappy for a while and that he wanted a divorce.

He said that counseling won’t help; his mind is made up. Then he left and stayed at a friend’s house. He won’t take her calls.

The two of them did some premarital counseling and have some relationship books, so they have tools.

I told her to email him to express what she is feeling, because it is not right for him to treat her like this. Last month they were talking about starting a family. How are they on divorce’s doorstep?

He has been out drinking with his buddies quite a bit in the last month.

He has just decided that it’s over, and she needs to pack and leave? What should her first steps be? She lives several states away, so going to give her a hug is not possible, but I need to help her.

I encouraged her to see the pastor on base (this is the only counselor), but she is hesitant. Your advice?

— J

Dear J: Keep in close touch with your daughter. I

agree that she should see the base chaplain. The chaplain cannot save her marriage, but that person will know the next steps the couple will need to take if they decide to separate — or if her husband alone decides to make this break permanent.

Military OneSource is a very helpful online portal provided by the U.S. Department of Defense. The site covers most conceivable topics of importance to military families, and offers a “live chat” function.

Your daughter’s first step should be to research her legal options and responsibilities. She got married quickly — it might be best to also dissolve this brief marriage quickly.

My understanding is that if this divorce becomes a legal reality, your daughter will lose her access to live-in military housing.

As her supportive parent, you should encourage her to breathe, to take things step-by-step, and — yes, you should offer to help her pack the U-Haul.

Dear Amy: I am a young adult who is hoping to break into the music industry. I use social media to network and connect with other artists — posting events, photos, etc.

My well-meaning Nana leaves comments and shares all my posts to her “page.” It’s completely embarrassing and comes across as unprofessional. How do I get her to stop without hurting her feelings or blocking her? Help!

— Off Key

Dear Off Key: First of all ...

how sweet. I’m at the age and stage of life where I believe that proud Nanas are pretty cool.

Once you make it big(ger), you’ll be able to “own” this with pride. In fact, your Nana’s fandom could be your secret superpower. There might be clever ways for you to use her pride and engagement to promote your work.

In the meantime, research ways to “mute” her comments. You should be able to do this without her being aware of it.

Also — make sure you are engaging through the best social channels for your career. Your Nana probably isn’t on TikTok (but if she is, you should probably follow her lead).

Dear Amy: I appreciate your compassion regarding the loss of a pet.

My dear Labrador retriever passed away recently.

Agonizing about what to do when she was really struggling near the end of her life, I reached out to a national organization called Lap of Love (lapoflove.com), that was incredible.

They provide in-house visits, hospice care, medical advice (telehealth), euthanasia and pet loss support.

I am so grateful to the extremely kind and caring vet who helped us during a very difficult time.

— Missing my Dog in CT

Dear Missing my Dog: In-home hospice care for a dying animal is a true gift.

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Haq feels ‘fortunate’ to have won ‘Transplant’ role twice

By Luaine Lee

Tribune News Service

Actor Hamza Haq has always liked performing. But it was his first job, while he was still a university student, that sealed his fate. “I sat in an office and looked at Excel documents all day,” he says. “They gave me 40 pages of information about payroll, and they said, ‘I need you to consolidate this and compile an Excel spreadsheet.’”

Haq was working for the cargo security unit at the Canadian border service agency. That job in Ottawa was so cloying that Haq decided to chuck it all and head for Los Angeles to see if he could make it as an actor. That was a seismic change for Haq, a devout Muslim who was born in Saudi Arabia to Pakistani parents. His father, an engineer, decided to move to Canada so his children could attend university.

When Haq confided to his parents that he wanted to be an actor, their reaction surprised him. “My dad said, ‘Let’s not talk about this dropping-out-of-school business because a degree in my household is not negotiable.’ He said, ‘If you’d told me earlier I would’ve sent you to a school in England or Los Angeles or New York, and you could’ve gotten a degree in acting.’ So my father has been very supportive in this goal because he didn’t have the luxury of choice growing up. He just wanted us to be educated.”

Haq is the youngest of four, and his mother wasn’t so flexible. “My mom comes from a more scientific and military background ... so hers is a more traditional approach to education. We were all supposed to be doctors or lawyers or engineers, but that entire thing is based



Hamza Haq plays a Syrian doctor who has fled his war-torn homeland for Canada in “Transplant.” YAN TURCOTTE/NBC

around stability — not that she thinks acting’s a lowbrow profession — it’s just that she just wanted to make sure that I survived.”

Haq has survived all right. In fact, he may not be a doctor, but he plays one on NBC’s “Transplant,” which returns after a short hiatus on May 28. Haq plays a Syrian doctor who has fled his war-torn homeland for Canada, where he tries to apply his skills in an alien environment. It’s a juicy role that Haq won, then lost, then won again. When he first read for the part, he was cast. “Then there was a conversation about how they should do their best to find a Syrian actor,” he says.

“I lost the part, and I was written out. And then they did a Canadawide search for somebody of Syrian descent who could do the part. I always say I’m very fortunate that they didn’t find him because he’s out there, but it was a four-month turnaround period that they needed to find this guy. They just couldn’t find him, so they asked me to read again. I read, and I got the part again.”

This proved doubly fortunate because though he had starred in the Canadian series, “Mistakes Were Made,” “The Indian

Detective” and the hit “This Life,” Haq had decided to quit acting.

“I was in one of my existential crises, and I’d quit the industry for about six months just to focus on myself,” he says. “And I thought I was doing it to better my career: ‘You need to slow down, you need to take better care of yourself’ and I thought, ‘OK, you’ll come of out this a better actor.’”

But, once again, destiny intervened. “Within that six-month period is when I found out I was going to become a father and realized that that break was divine intervention to prepare me for one of the most important things I was going to do in my life. It was to just be a better man for somebody else.”

His daughter is now 5 years old, and while he’s not married to her mother, he says, “... In the wake of finding out that somebody was going to be looking up to me as an example there was a lot of things I had to address and rectify, and it was a growing process. I continue to work on it, and it’s just a wonderful north star, this journey, because at one time I just wanted to be the best actor, but that pales in comparison to my desire to be the best man that I can be for my child.”

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Paying attention to the dynamics in your professional life can help you. Your confidence is balanced by knowing when to observe. Seizing the moment could have a financial reward, but the knowledge you gain is worth something as well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may realize how an idea you’ve been chewing on can make your life easier. It might be time for some honesty with yourself about how your values have changed. Don’t be hard on yourself for a belief you no longer agree with. Instead, honor your journey and be proud of how far you’ve come.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A secret could be on your mind today. Though telling everyone you know is not your only option, you may want to look at sharing selected parts of it with a few people. Your friends are likely to be more supportive than usual, and getting validation from them can be healing.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Strengthening your relationships can be rewarding now. That said, keep your intentions clear, as others may feel weirded out if they suspect you have an ulterior motive. You might be looking for a business connection, so try to be transparent about that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Working hard to achieve your goals could definitely be a priority for you today. On the other hand, you may be distracted by the thought of doing something beyond your daily grind. Making a plan to satisfy your desire for fun with your friends later can help you stay on track for now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could be a little intense today. You might not know when to stop sharing about your personal life. As messy as this probably is, perhaps it will give your listeners valuable insights as to why certain parts of your views appeal to you. This may solve an important mystery for them, and you can benefit as well.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Home life could be emotionally intense for you today, but you might succeed in making the change you know is necessary. Whether the problem is something with your living space or a relationship, cleaning out the rot will probably feel like a huge relief.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A powerful conversation could bring you closer to somebody important in your life. Though your grasp of psychological matters is probably strong now, you can still bring the discussion back to the practical concerns that provoked this talk.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have the opportunity to take a financial risk today, and perhaps someone else is egging you on to do it. If you’re just not feeling it, whoever is pressuring you will probably back off more easily than you expect. You’ll have to live with the results either way, so make your own choice.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refining how you present yourself may be important to you today. Perhaps you’ve been thinking about it for a while and just never had the courage to do it before. Though venturing away from familiar ground could be intimidating, the reception you’ll get is likely to be better than you expect.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Looking at a family secret in a new way could be liberating for you now. Odd things in your life can make much more sense given context — you may be relieved to know that something you blamed yourself for was actually beyond your control. Share at your discretion.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Conversations with your friends could take a surprising turn today. Still, be careful what you blurt out because you might blunder into a controversial truth. The intuition your sign is known for is not easy to control, so try to think before you speak.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 19, 1780, a mysterious darkness enveloped much of New England and part of Canada in the early afternoon.

In 1920, 10 people were killed in a gun battle

between coal miners, and a group of private security guards hired to evict them for joining a union in Matewan, West Virginia.

In 1962, Marilyn Monroe sang “Happy Birthday” to President John F. Kennedy during a Democratic fundraiser.

In 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain,

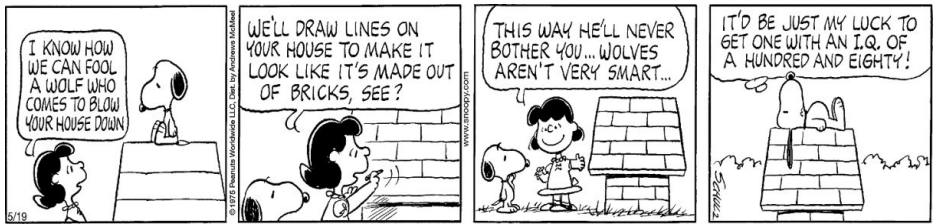
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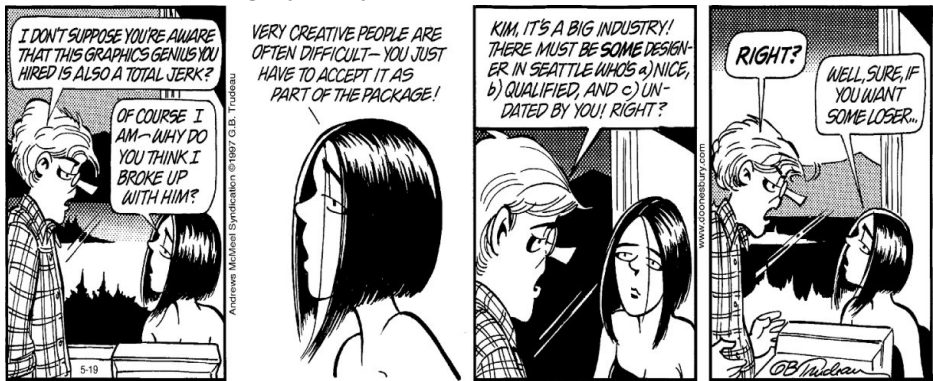
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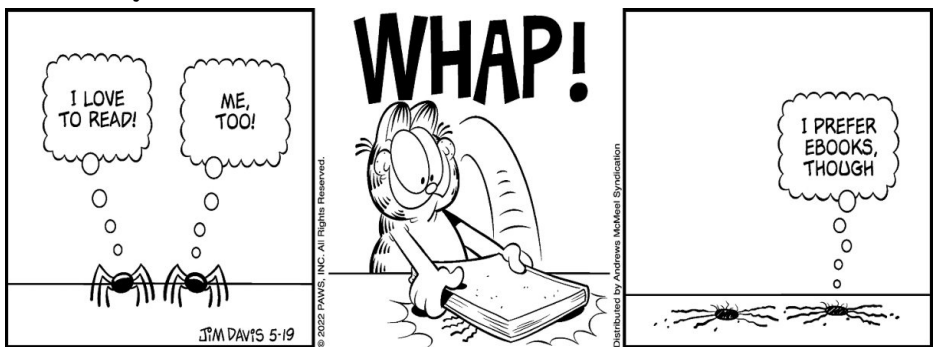
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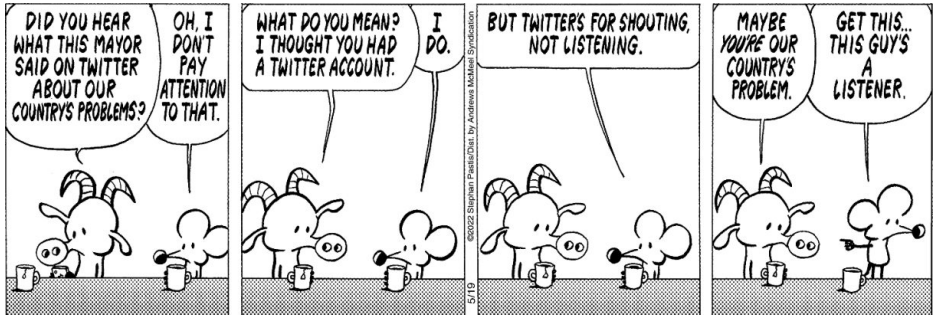
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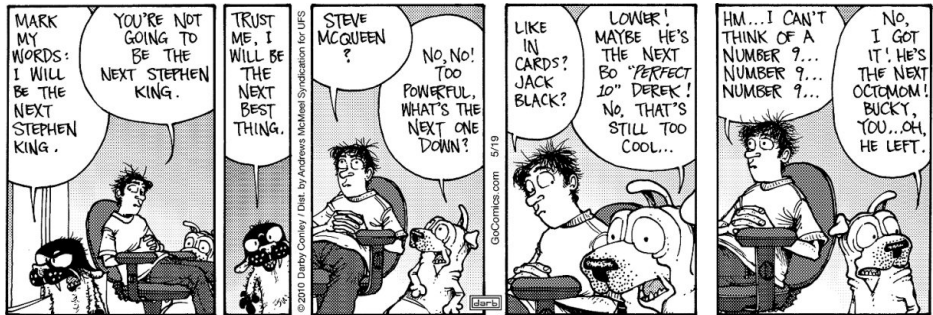
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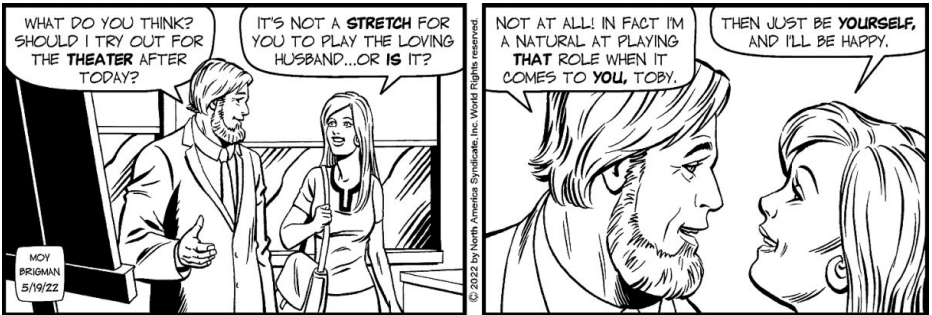
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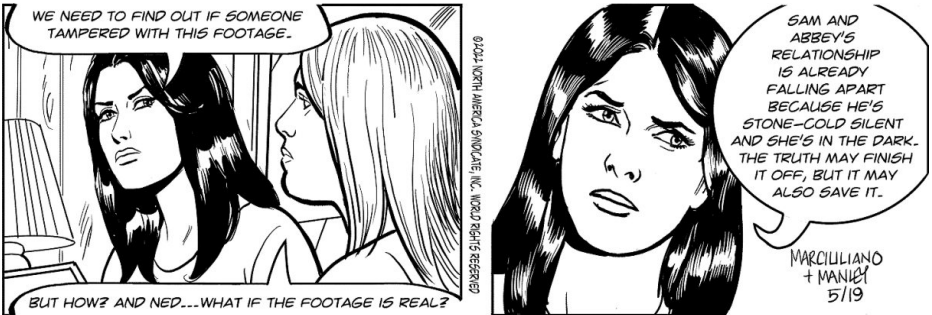
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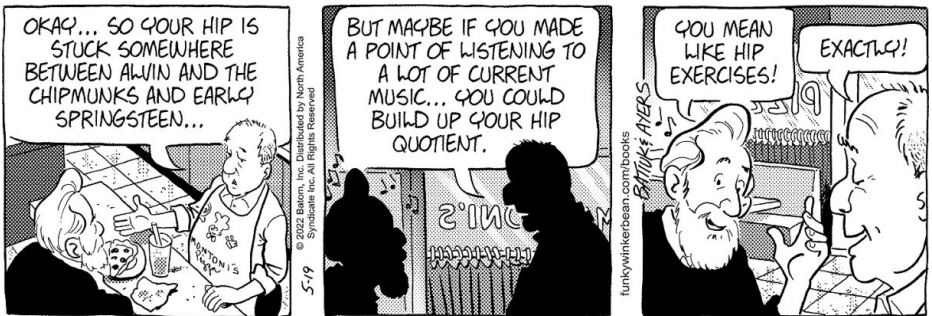
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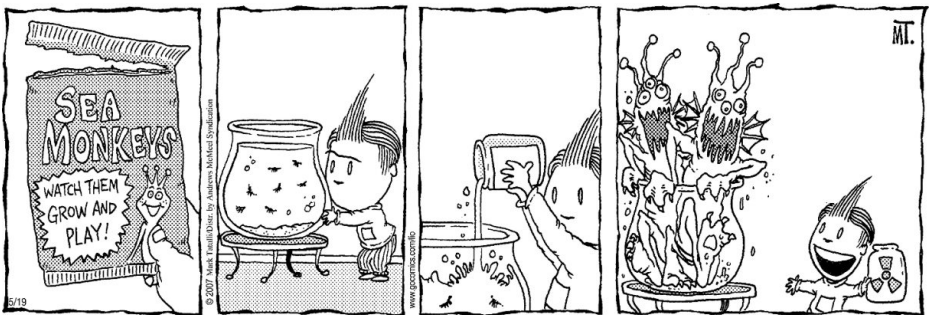
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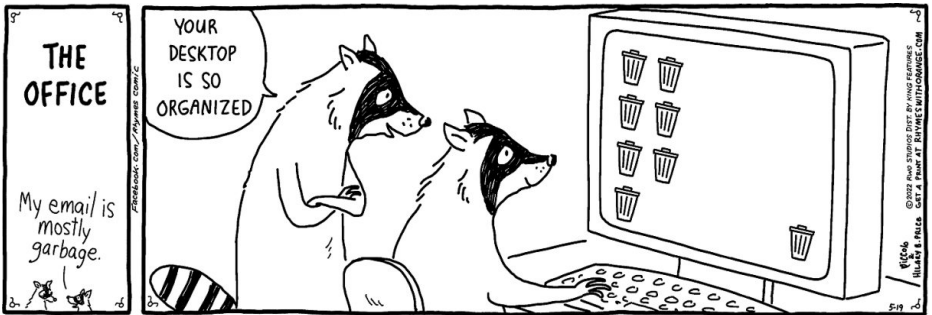
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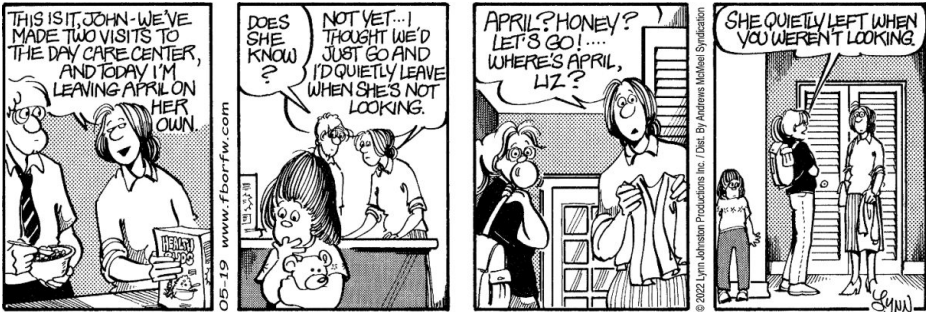


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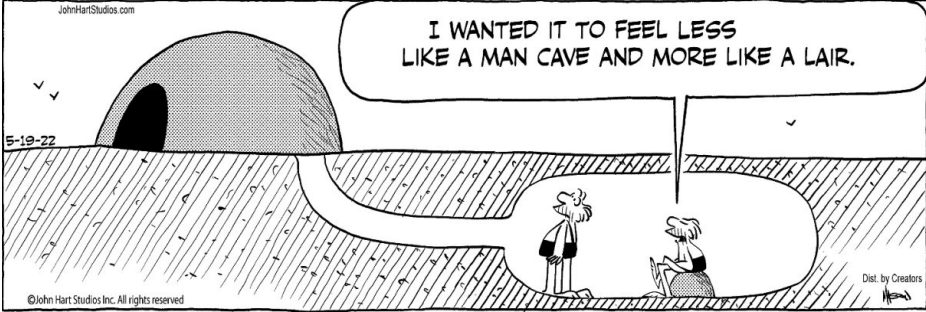
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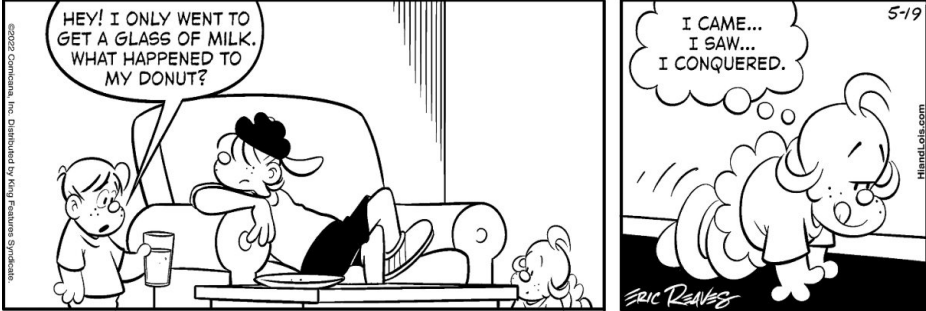
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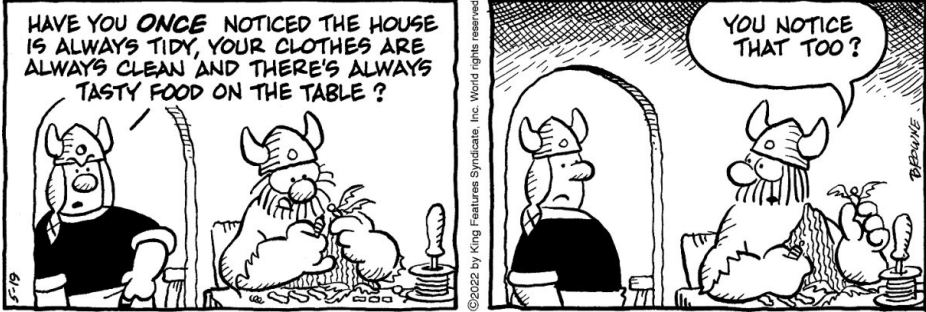
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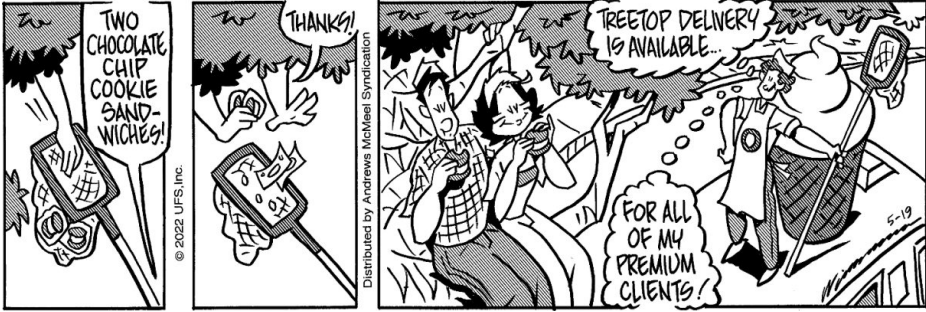
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Mother Goose And Grimm

By Mike Peters

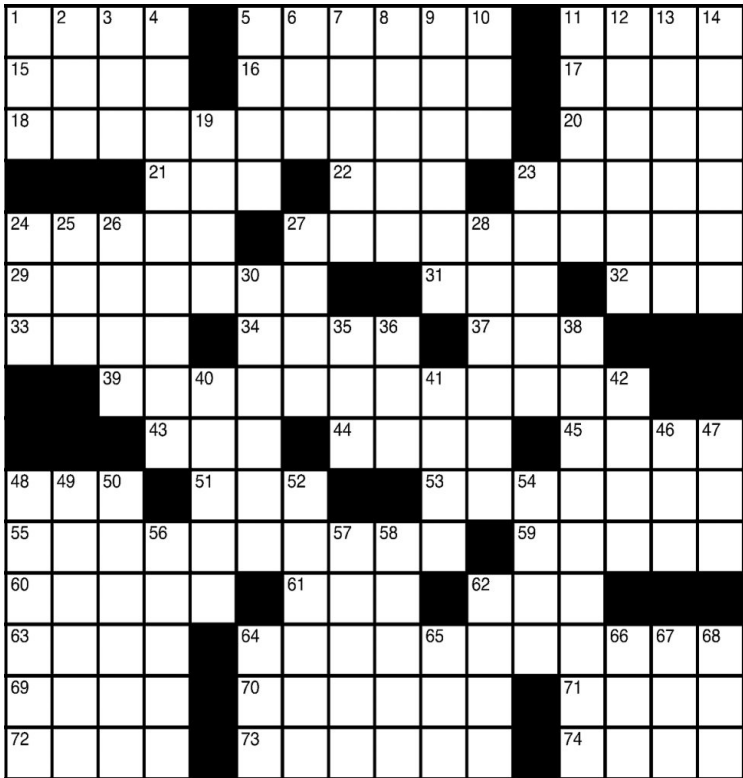


CROSSWORD

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Across

- 1 First lady Biden
5 Homeopathic treatment for bruises
11 "Say that's true ..."
15 On a cruise
16 Couple
17 "Mon __!"
18 *Easy order for a bartender
20 Rare blood type, briefly
21 B'way passes
22 Blasting material
23 "Oh, brother!"
24 "It __ meant to be"
27 *The place to be, informally
29 "Invisible Man" novelist
31 Galoot
32 Bygone airline
33 Online journal
34 __ Eats
37 "Happy now?"
39 Rhetorical strategy of countering an accusation with another accusation, and an apt description of the answers to the starred clues
43 Up to, in ads
44 U2 lead singer
45 Mall event
48 Overly
51 Tattle (on)
53 Early stage
55 *Toast choice
59 Paul of "Be-witched"
60 Some map dots
61 College domain
62 Playpen party
63 Lee with a posthumous cameo in "Avengers: Endgame"
64 **"Is it almost time for dinner?"
69 Tattled (on)
70 In demand
71 Fragrant herb
72 Mani-pedi spots
73 "What a shame"
74 Fig or olive
9 Dos y dos
10 Suitable
11 "__ on it": "You can be sure"
12 Best
13 Experience schoolyard highs and lows?
14 Should, informally
19 Hobby shop buys
23 Liu who plays the title role in 2020's "Mulan"
24 Organic flytrap
25 More than most
26 Boring
27 Sparks org.
28 Singer Sheena
30 Ban
35 Tidal movement
36 Joey of kiddie lit
38 Final thoughts?
40 Buenos __
41 Hand or foot
42 "Mental Illness" Grammy winner Aimee
46 HDTV choice
47 __ shadow
48 Unexpected endings
49 "I'm blushing!"
50 "Fancy!"
52 Southern California chain known for pastrami
54 Tidal movement
56 Lets use for now
57 Ideal places
58 Some matriarchs
62 "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck
64 1910s conflict, for short
65 Narc's org.
66 Unit of corn
67 Get on in years
68 Simple shirt



By Katherine Baicker

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 3 2
♥ J 7 5
♦ A K 10 9 3
♣ A 4

WEST

♠ A 8 5
♥ A Q 4 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ Q 8 7

EAST

♠ 4
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ Q 2
♣ J 10 9 5 3 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 9 7
♥ K 10
♦ J 8 6
♣ K 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

Opening lead — five of spades.

Malfeasance in office

When declarer goes down in a contract he could have made, it is good practice for him to think about whether he should have found the winning line of play. He does not do this by utilizing what he now knows about the opposing hands, but rather on the basis of what he saw in his own hand and dummy when play began.

Consider this deal where South failed in a contract he should have made. He won the trump lead and returned a trump, West taking the ace and continuing with a third trump.

Declarer won, played a diamond to the ace and a club back to the king, then led the jack of diamonds and finessed. East won with the queen and returned a heart, and West scored the A-Q of hearts to put the contract down one.

North, a player known for his analytical abilities — particularly after the play of a hand — maintained that South should have cashed the A-K of diamonds and not finessed. He argued that the finesse

was unnecessary, because if West had the queen, the contract was unbeatable, while if East had the queen, South was deliberately putting himself at risk.

North further contended that early heart leads aimed at establishing dummy's jack for a diamond discard would have sealed the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt. The heart plays, however, had to precede any diamond plays and any further trump leads.

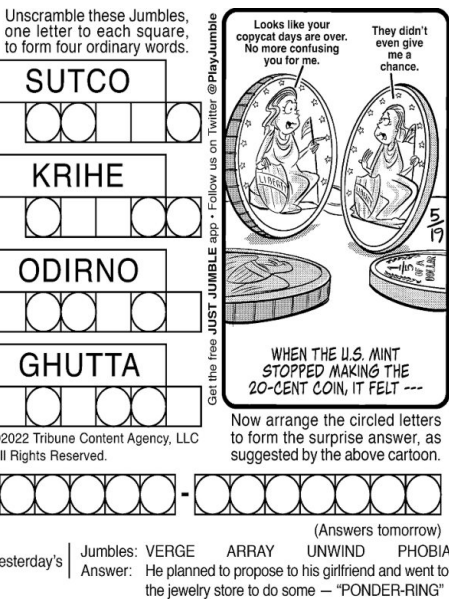
North was right on both counts. South would lose a spade and two hearts by playing hearts first, but no more. And if, as the play actually went, South had cashed the A-K of diamonds after West returned a trump at trick three, he would have ended up with 12 tricks when East turned up with the doubleton queen.

This line of play, though, was not as certain to succeed as attacking the hearts initially.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

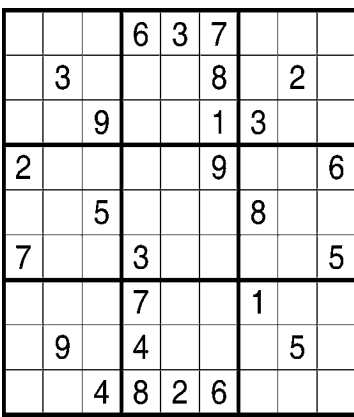
JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



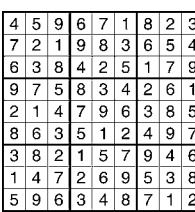
Yesterday's Jumbles: VERGE ARRAY UNWIND PHOBIA
Answer: He planned to propose to his girlfriend and went to the jewelry store to do some — "PONDER-RING"

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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SPORTS

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US SOCCER

Milestone pact will pay women, men equally

By Anne M. Peterson and Ronald Blum
Associated Press

The U.S. Soccer Federation reached milestone agreements to pay its men's and women's teams equally, making the American national governing body the first in the sport to promise both sexes matching money.

The federation on Wednesday announced separate collective bargaining agreements through December 2028 with the unions for both national teams, ending years of often acrimonious negotiations.

The deals grew partly out of a push by players on the more successful women's team, including stars like Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe, who were at the forefront of the gender equity fight while leading the team to a Women's World Cup championship in 2019. The struggle became so much a part of the team's story that chants of "Equal pay! Equal pay!" rose from the crowd as U.S. players celebrated winning the title in France.

Morgan and Rapinoe could still be beneficiaries of the deal, though the next Women's World Cup is in 2023 and the makeup of the team will have changed by then.

"I feel a lot of pride for the girls who are going to see this growing up, and recognize their value rather than having to fight for it. However, my dad always told me that you don't

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GOLF PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Dustin Johnson looking to get back on track

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Dustin Johnson and Jordan Spieth are examples of how quickly the landscape can change.

Look back one year, and Johnson was the No. 1 player in the world who had been runner-up in the previous two PGA Championships and among the favorites every time he played.

Going into this PGA Championship, which starts Thursday at Southern Hills, he is No. 12. It's not the end of the world, but it's his lowest ranking in seven years, and the questions have changed: Instead of when he will add another major, it's about when he will win again.

Johnson has gone 27 starts over 15 months since winning the Saudi International.

"The thing for me has just been driving," Johnson said.

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At a glance

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Course: Southern Hills CC.
Yardage: 7,556. Par: 70.
Television: Today-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (ESPN+), 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. (ESPN); Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (ESPN), 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (CBS).



Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevski watches as the puck deflects off the post during Game 1 of a second-round playoff series against the Panthers on Tuesday in Sunrise, Florida. REINHOLD MATAY/AP

NHL PLAYOFFS

Support cast leads Avs; stars spark Lightning

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

Sometimes your top players aren't at their peak and you still win. Exhibit A: Colorado defenseman and Norris Trophy finalist Cale Makar.

Sometimes your top players are your top players and you win handily. Exhibits B and C: Tampa Bay forward Nikita Kucherov along with goaltender Andrei Vasilevski.

With a little help from his friends, Makar and the Avalanche

lead St. Louis 1-0 in their second-round series.

With a combined effort the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Lightning took a 1-0 edge in their series with Florida.

"It's important for everyone to step up at this time of the year," said Avalanche forward Darren Helm, whose team hosts the Blues in Game 2 on Thursday night (9:30 p.m. EDT, TNT). "With any game anybody can be the hero."

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

"You don't really recognize you're doing something until someone says like, 'You're now in the same position that so and so was in when they were your age.' ... If you stay on the right track it shows that you can really be one of the greats."

— Isuneh 'Ice' Brady, incoming UConn freshman



UConn recruit Isuneh Brady participates in the first half of the McDonald's All-American Girls basketball game on March 29 in Chicago. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

'ICE' AGE ABOUT TO BEGIN

'The time has finally come': Isuneh Brady ready to start UConn career after racking up accolades in senior season

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Isuneh "Ice" Brady watched the UConn women's basketball team throughout the NCAA Tournament, using each game as a learning experience as she tried to pick up as much as she could about Geno Auriemma's system. Set to join the team as a freshman for the 2022-23 season, Brady envisioned where she could insert herself and help the Huskies.

After UConn lost to South Carolina in the championship Auriemma sent Brady and Ayanna Patterson, the program's other incoming freshman, a text message.

"What did you guys learn from that game that we just lost?" Brady recalled him asking.

The trio discussed things such as rebounding, physicality and toughness after a game in which the Huskies were outrebounded 49-24 and allowed 22 second-chance points.

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Brady was in the crowd to watch the UConn Huskies play Xavier at the XL Center in January. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Southington rebounds by cooling off Bristol Central

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

SOUTHINGTON — Since the Southington softball team lost to Masuk on May 10, the Blue Knights have been re-energized.

Wednesday, Southington, the defending Class LL champion, won its fourth straight game, 8-0, over Bristol Central in a CCC interdivisional game.

Ashlyn Desaulniers, one of 10 Southington seniors, went 4-for-4 and scored two runs

for the Blue Knights (17-1) and senior pitcher Sam Sullivan gave up two hits and struck out nine in five innings for the win.

Bristol Central (16-3) had won nine straight before Wednesday.

"There's a lot of volatility in that lineup," Bristol Central coach Monica Hayes said. "They put pressure on you to make plays. They don't just steal bases and bunt. They hit balls in the gaps.

"And we have good pitch-

ing. We had a bunch of errors but they had six earned runs."

Southington was missing coach Davina Hernandez, who also missed Tuesday's game against RHAM due to illness. Michele Boisvert, a Southington assistant, said Hernandez would be back either Thursday or Friday.

"I've been with Davina for nine years, I know how she coaches," Boisvert said. "Our job was just to hold the ship, to keep playing the way we play and keep doing what we do

and we did. We bunted, stole bases and made plays."

Desaulniers led off the game with a single to right and Elyse Picard reached on an error and both scored on Sullivan's single in the first inning. Desaulniers doubled home another run in the second and tripled and scored again in fourth.

"Recently, I've been more up and down [hitting]," Desaulniers said. "In the

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Southington's Sam Rogers, left, greets teammate Ashlyn Desaulniers at home plate after Desaulniers scored during a game against Bristol Central at Southington High School on Wednesday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: Eastern Conference Finals: at Miami (Game 2), Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; vs. Miami (Game 3), Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; vs. Miami (Game 4), Monday, 8:30 p.m.
Rangers: NHL Second Round: at Hurricanes (Game 2), Friday, 8 p.m.; vs. Hurricanes (Game 3), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Hurricanes (Game 4), Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Red Sox: Mariners, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Mariners, Friday, 7 p.m.; Mariners, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Yankees: at Orioles, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.; White Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.; White Sox, Saturday, 1 p.m.
Mets: Cardinals, Thursday, 1 p.m.; at Rockies, Friday, 8:30 p.m.; at Rockies, Saturday, 8 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Bowie, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; at Bowie, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Bowie, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Sun: Fever, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Fever, Sunday, 2 p.m.; Wings, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Tulsa, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.; at El Paso, June 4, 9:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
12:30 p.m.: Yankees at Orioles. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
1 p.m.: Cardinals at Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
4 p.m.: Duke at Virginia Tech. (Same-day Tape) ACC
7 p.m.: Mariners at Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
7 p.m.: Duke at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Tennessee at Mississippi State. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
8 p.m.: LSU at Vanderbilt. (Live) ESPN2
BASKETBALL
8:30 p.m.: Celtics at Heat. (Live) ESPN
GOLF
1 p.m.: PGA Championship With Joe Buck & Michael Collins. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: PGA Championship First Round. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: PGA Championship With Joe Buck & Michael Collins. (Live) ESPN2
HOCKEY
9 a.m.: IIHF World Championship Great Britain vs United States. (Live) NHL
1 p.m.: IIHF World Championship Canada vs Kazakhstan. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Lightning at Panthers. (Live) SPRTNET, TNT
9:30 p.m.: Blues at Avalanche. (Live) TNT
LACROSSE
6 a.m.: Women's College: Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape) ESPN
8 a.m.: Women's College: Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape) ESPN
10 a.m.: Women's College: Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape) ESPN
12 p.m.: Women's College: NCAA Tournament: Florida at Maryland. (Live) ESPN
2:30 p.m.: Women's College: NCAA Tournament: Loyola (Md.) at Boston College. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Women's College: NCAA Tournament: Syracuse at Northwestern. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: Women's College: NCAA Tournament: Stony Brook at North Carolina. (Live) ESPN
SOCER
2:45 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Everton vs Crystal Palace. (Live) USA

NHL

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In Game 1 for the Avalanche Josh Manson answered the call, with his first career playoff goal arriving in overtime during a 3-2 win.

For the Lightning it's hard to pick one. Corey Perry and Kucherov each had a goal and an assist, while Vasilevskiy looked very much like the Conn Smythe Award winner he was last year, stopping 33 of 34 shots as the Panthers beat Florida 4-1.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

East Catholic's Mozzicato sharp in pro debut

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Frank Mozzicato's professional debut was a success.

Mozzicato, the lefty pitcher from Ellington and East Catholic High, threw three scoreless innings for the Class A Columbia, S.C., Fireflies Wednesday, allowing only one hit. He walked three and struck out

three, then turned the game over to the bullpen. The Fireflies lost to Myrtle Beach, 13-2.

He threw 57 pitches, 36 for strikes

The Royals drafted Mozzicato with the seventh overall pick in the first round of the draft last July, and signed him with a \$3.55 million bonus. He was the highest drafted player from a Connecticut high school since Bobby Valentine went

No. 5 in 1968.

Yard Goats win again at Bowie

Jack Blomgren and Aaron Schunk each had three hits, including home runs, and two RBIs to lead the Hartford Yard Goats to a 6-3 win over the Bowie Baysox in an Eastern League

game in Bowie, Md.

Karl Kauffmann (3-1) went 6 2/3 innings for the win, allowing no runs on one hit with eight strikeouts. Hartford (21-14) has now won seven of nine, including the first two of this six-game series.

A Hartford Courant staff report is included in this story.



Yankees relief pitcher Michael King throws against the Royals on May 1 in Kansas City, Missouri. REED HOFFMANN/AP

YANKEES

King dreams of being a starter, but dominating in his relief role

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

BALTIMORE — Michael King is in a tough spot. He's become one of the best multi-inning relievers in the game this season. The Yankees have leaned on him in big spots already this season. Tuesday night he was simply dominant again holding off the Orioles hitters in the Yankees 5-4 win at Camden Yards.

In his heart, however, King still thinks of himself as a starter and wants to be one in the future. The Yankees know that and when a spot start came up last week because of back-to-back rainouts they thought about giving him a chance to start against the White Sox — for a minute. Yankees manager Aaron Boone acknowledged that he is too valuable in his current role to mess with it right now.

Considering he was not sure he would make the major league team during spring training, King took the news in stride.

"I think first things first is wins. So if Boonie thinks that I'm more valuable doing this, then I will gladly do it," King said. "If the time comes where he wants me to start, I will gladly do it. I just want to help the team win in as many ways as possible."

This season, King has been a main contributor to the Yankees bullpen's early success. The Bombers relievers lead the majors with a 2.50 ERA despite the concerning trend of struggling closer Aroldis Chapman allowing an earned run in each of his last four appearances. Tuesday night, Chapman allowed the Orioles to cut the Yankees lead to a run and put the winning run on second base.

But the Orioles had been absolutely shut down by King for the three innings before,

giving the Yankees a chance to build some insurance offense and withstand Chapman's shaky ending.

Tuesday night, King was ridiculous. He pitched three perfect innings, faced nine batters and struck out six.

It's not surprising anymore.

King leads the majors in strikeouts as a reliever with 37 over 25.2 innings pitched in 12 appearances. His strikeout percentage (39.4%) and Whiff% (41.2) both jumped by nearly 17 points this season and his walk rate is down over 4% to 4.3.

All of that is to say that the 26-year-old right-hander the Yankees got from the Marlins is sporting a spiffy 1.40 ERA and is a big weapon in the Yankees bullpen for now.

"He's tough to describe, because he could be closer on 29 other teams, he could be a starter on 29 other teams. He could be that late inning leverage guy," Yankee slugger Aaron Judge said. "It's been fun watching him develop over the years. ... He was kind of up and down, up and down. And now he's kind of established himself with this repertoire and it can handle any big situation."

That repertoire still has the four pitches — fastball, slurve, changeup, curve — of a starter, which he uses to neutralize hitters from both sides of the plate. It includes a nasty "slurve," which he learned from Corey Kluber last year. The Kluber ball has a sweeping, horizontal movement that teases in the zone and then finishes down and away from right-handed hitters. It mirrors and compliments his sinker, which has always been his strong baseline pitch. Against left handed-hitters, King mostly goes with his four-seam fastball up in the zone and his changeup.

RED SOX 5, ASTROS 1

Pivetta tosses 2-hitter as Sox roll past Astros

Associated Press

BOSTON — Nick Pivetta pitched a two-hitter, Xander Bogaerts hit a solo home run, Rafael Devers added an RBI double and the Boston Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 5-1 on Wednesday night in the rubber match of their three-game series.

It marked the first complete game by a Red Sox pitcher since Chris Sale on June 5, 2019, at Kansas City. It was the first at Fenway Park since Rick Porcello against the New York Yankees on Aug. 3, 2018.

Kiké Hernández and Christian Vázquez added RBI singles for Boston, which took two of three from the team that beat them in the ALCS last season.

Pivetta (2-4) gave up a leadoff home run to Jose Altuve, but settled down to retire the next 18 batters as Boston built a 5-1 lead. The Astros didn't get their second hit of the day until Michael Brantley led off the seventh inning with a double.

Pivetta finished with eight strikeouts and didn't issue a walk. He threw 112 pitches, 78 for strikes.



The Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts is congratulated for his two-run home run against the Astros during the first inning at Fenway Park on Wednesday in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Houston's Luis Garcia (3-2) lasted four innings, allowing five hits, five runs (three earned), three walks and a home run while striking out four.

It matched his shortest outing this season, another four-inning day in his first start on April 12.

Altuve opened the game by

RED SOX

Eovaldi's disastrous outing location issue, not tipping pitches, coach believes

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

BOSTON — A day after Nate Eovaldi allowed five homers in one inning against the Astros, Red Sox pitching coach Dave Bush suggested that the trouble was more pitch location than Eovaldi actually tipping his pitches.

"We looked at the location plot for all of [the homers] and most of them were middle-middle," Bush said before Wednesday's series finale with Houston.

Eovaldi allowed 15 homers in 32 starts last year. He's one away from that total now with 14 through just eight starts.

Given that Eovaldi had been delivering a strong season prior to Tuesday's outing — a 3.15 ERA in 40 innings through seven starts — Bush downplayed the concern about his starter's performance against the Astros.

"We'll try to figure out what we can do better from [Tuesday] night but also not make too much of an issue out of one appearance, when by and large he's done very well this year," Bush said.

Manager Alex Cora also downplayed the idea that his starter was tipping pitches.

"We always talk about tipping," Cora said. "But [Nate's] a strike thrower against a team that does damage early in the count."

Hernandez on the shelf: The WooSox placed lefthander Darwinzon Hernandez on the seven-day injured list Tuesday with a right MCL sprain. Cora said Wednesday that Hernandez will be out for a while.

The Red Sox optioned Hernandez to Triple A Worcester at the end of spring training with the

hope that they could build him up enough to pitch multiple innings for the major league club at some point this year. The Sox also wanted Hernandez to work on his command, which has been an issue for the lefthander, who averaged 74 walks per nine innings in parts of three seasons with the Sox.

But Hernandez struggled for the WooSox, posting a 5.95 ERA and walking 16 batters in 19 1/3 innings.

Despite the numbers, the Sox were encouraged by Hernandez's progress. Cora alluded to Hernandez's most recent outing where the lefthander worked three innings, striking out three and yielding three hits. Hernandez did not allow an earned run (one unearned) and walked one just one batter. The Sox felt as if the southpaw was getting close to figuring it all out.

"You see the walks and all that, but as far as the fast-ball and consistency on his mechanics he was getting there," Cora said. "Little by little, he was doing an outstanding job. His stuff was picking up."

Wacha nearing return: The Red Sox plan on activating Michael Wacha (left intercostal soreness) off the 15-day IL for Friday's matchup against the Mariners. Wacha came out of his two simulated games this week feeling fine, and threw a short bullpen session Wednesday. Wacha was the Sox' best starter prior to hitting the IL, posting a 1.38 ERA in five starts (26 innings pitched) ... Bryan Mata has progressed to throwing in simulated games in his return from Tommy John surgery. The highly-regarded pitching prospect has been clocked at up to 98 mph in his rehab.

battling Pivetta for 10 pitches before getting under a 95-mph fastball and lifting a fly ball over the fence in center field for his eighth homer of the season to put the Astros in front 1-0.

Rafael Devers got aboard with a one-out triple during Boston's half of the first and scored off J.D. Martinez's sacrifice fly to right to tie it up.

Bogaerts was next and jumped all over Garcia's third pitch, hitting a high line drive just over the top of the Green Monster for his fourth home run of the season to make it 2-1.

Hernández reached via a throwing error on Jeremy Peña in the third inning. He then scored on Devers' double off the Monster.

Boston added two more in the fourth via back-to-back RBI singles by Vázquez and Hernandez to stretch the lead to 5-1.

Notes: Baring a setback, right-hander Michael Wacha (left side soreness) is expected to be activated from the injured list and start Friday in the second game of Boston's series against Texas.

the way they play.

"They don't rest, they just go. It's not running around and running out of position, it's just contact when it's there. Bumping guys — that gives guys a little bit more time to get a puck or make a play.

"There's got to be contact all the time."

A friendly reminder that resonates from Denver all the way to Sunrise, Florida: Expect a brick wall in goal. It's that time of year when goaltenders step it up another level.

Vasilevskiy once again confounded the Panthers, just

as he did in Game 6 a season ago, when he made 29 saves in posting a shutout as the Lightning eliminated the Panthers.

"He's the best goalie in the world, we think, and he's proving it right now," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said. "We hope that continues."

Blues goaltender Jordan Binnington was terrific, making 51 saves under near-constant pressure before surrendering Manson's winner.

It's the fifth time in Blues playoff history that their goalies have had to make 50 or more saves.

"They force you to do the little things right the whole game," Panthers interim coach Andrew Brunette said. "They're patient enough, smart enough, that they wait you out a little bit.

"A couple poor decisions, not even catastrophic decisions but just little decisions, that they make you pay"

It's not that Makar played poorly in Game 1. It's just that by his elevated standards — three goals and seven assists in a first-round sweep of Nashville — make a pointless night feel almost like an off night.

"We get spoiled with Cale a little bit," Avalanche coach Jared Bednar said. "We expect him to be exceptional, a huge difference-maker, make all these dynamic plays every night."

He doesn't always need to with Nathan MacKinnon, captain Gabriel Landeskog and the rest of the speedy ensemble behind him. The Blues plan to counter that speed with a bump here or there.

"You've got to have contact on them; if you don't they're going to skate right through you," Blues coach Craig Berube said. "That's

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	27	9	.750	—	—	8-2	W-3	14-4	13-5
Tampa Bay	23	15	.605	5	—	5-5	W-2	13-9	10-6
Toronto	20	17	.541	7½	—	4-6	W-2	12-6	8-11
Boston	15	22	.405	12½	5	5-5	W-1	6-10	9-12
Baltimore	14	23	.378	13½	6	4-6	L-5	9-9	5-14

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	22	16	.579	—	—	5-5	W-1	13-8	9-8
Chicago	18	18	.500	3	1½	5-5	L-1	9-10	9-8
Cleveland	16	18	.471	4	2½	5-5	L-2	7-6	9-12
Kansas City	13	22	.371	7½	6	4-6	W-1	7-11	6-11
Detroit	13	25	.342	9	7½	5-5	L-2	9-13	4-12

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	24	14	.632	—	—	7-3	L-1	9-4	15-10
Los Angeles	24	15	.615	½	—	6-4	L-2	12-7	12-8
Texas	16	19	.457	6½	3	6-4	W-3	9-12	7-7
Seattle	16	21	.432	7½	4	4-6	L-2	9-7	7-14
Oakland	16	24	.400	9	5½	5-5	L-1	6-14	10-10

BOX SCORES

TAMPA BAY 6, DETROIT 1

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grossman rf	4	0	0	0	0	.207
W.Castro lf-cf	4	0	1	0	0	.322
Baez ss	4	0	0	0	3	.204
Candelario dh	4	0	1	0	0	.205
Schoop 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.161
H.Castro 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.292
Torkelson 1b	3	1	2	1	0	.173
Barnhart c	3	0	1	0	0	.272
Hill cf	2	0	0	0	2	.200
b-Haase ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.158
TOTALS	31	1	5	11		
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	4	1	3	0	0	.287
Franco ss	3	1	1	0	0	.272
Ramirez dh	3	1	2	0	1	.321
a-Choi ph-dh	1	0	1	1	0	.279
Arozarena lf	3	0	0	0	1	.225
Mejia c	4	0	1	2	2	.295
Paredes 3b	4	2	2	2	0	.280
Brujan rf	3	0	0	0	1	.111
Walls 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.167
Phillips cf	3	1	1	0	1	.197
TOTALS	32	6	11	6	9	
Detroit	000 000 100	—	1	5	0	
Tampa Bay	301 000 11x	—	6	11	0	

a-singled for Ramirez in the 7th. b-struck out for Hill in the 8th. **LOB:** Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 5. **2B:** Torkelson (2). **HR:** Torkelson (4), off Wisler; Paredes (1), off Garcia; Paredes (2), off Peralta. **RBIs:** Torkelson (10), Arozarena (12), Mejia 2(13), Paredes 2(4), Choi (15). **SB:** Franco (4), Phillips (4). **CS:** Ramirez (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2(Grossman, Schoop); Tampa Bay 4(Phillips 2, Arozarena 2). **RISP:** Detroit 0for 4; Tampa Bay 4 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Barnhart. **GIDP:** H.Castro, Franco. **DP:** Detroit 2 (H.Castro, Baez, Torkelson; Barnhart, Schoop, Barnhart); Tampa Bay 1(Walls, Franco, Diaz).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez, L, 1-3	⅔	4	3	3	2	0	4.38
Garcia	2⅔	1	1	1	1	6	2.57
Barnes	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.93
Vest	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.12
Lange	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.88
Fulmer	1	3	1	1	0	0	3.52
Peralta	1	1	1	1	0	0	1.10
TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmussen, W, 4-15	4	4	0	0	0	7	2.33
Wisler	2	1	1	1	1	1	2.29
Poche	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.64
Feyerisen	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Inherited runners-scored: Garcia 3-0.							
Umpires: Home, D.J. Reybun; First, Angel Hernandez; Second, James Hoye; Third, Jeremy Riggs. T: 2:55. A: 9,706 (25,000).							

BOSTON 5, HOUSTON 1

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	1	2	.258
Brantley lf	4	0	1	0	0	.285
Diaz 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.213
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	0	.252
Gurriel 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.242
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	0	.246
McCormick cf	3	0	0	0	1	.233
Pena ss	3	0	0	0	2	.274
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	0	.116
a-Dubon ph	1	0	0	0	0	.333
TOTALS	29	1	2	1	8	
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez cf	4	1	1	1	0	.182
Devers 3b	3	1	2	1	0	.340
J.Martinez dh	3	0	0	1	1	.325
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	1	0	.336
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	0	.206
Story 2b	3	1	0	0	2	.205
Cordero rf	3	1	0	0	2	.214
Dalbec 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.161
Vazquez c	3	0	1	1	1	.225
TOTALS	29	5	5	5	6	
Houston	100 000 000	—	1	2	2	
Boston	201 200 00x	—	5	5	0	

a-flied out for Maldonado in the 9th. **E:** Pena (6), Altuve (2). **LOB:** Houston 1, Boston 4. **2B:** Brantley (8), Devers (15). **3B:** Devers (1). **HR:** Altuve (8), off Pivetta; Bogaerts (4), off Garcia. **RBIs:** Altuve (13), J.Martinez (20), Bogaerts (16), Devers (21), Vazquez (9), Hernandez (16). **SF:** J.Martinez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 1(Gurriel); Boston 1(Verdugo). **RISP:** Houston 0for 3; Boston 2for 7. **Runners moved up:** Dalbec. **GIDP:** J.Martinez. **DP:** Houston 1(Pena, Altuve, Gurriel).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garcia, L, 3-2	4	5	5	3	3	4	3.35
Abreu	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.06
Staneke	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.32
Montero	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.57

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta, W, 2-4	9	2	1	1	0	8	4.22

Umpires: Home, Will Little; First, Greg Gibson; Second, Cory Blasier; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 2:38. A: 31,717(37,755).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING: Ward, Los Angeles, .376; Bogaerts, Boston, .338; Devers, Boston, .333; J.Martinez, Boston, .333; Anderson, Chicago, .328; Trout, Los Angeles, .325; France, Seattle, .315; Judge, New York, .315; Benintendi, Kansas City, .304; J.Crawford, Seattle, .302. **RBI:** Ramirez, Cleveland, .33; Stanton, New York, .32; Judge, New York, .30; Ohtani, Los Angeles, .27; Tucker, Houston, .25; France, Seattle, .25; A.Garcia, Texas, .24; Rizzo, New York, .24; Ward, Los Angeles, .23; Walsh, Los Angeles, .23.

ON THIS DATE

MAY 19
1910: Cy Young won the 500th game of his career as the Cleveland Indians beat the Washington Senators, 5-4, in 11 innings. Also, Boston beat the Pirates 6-3 for the first time in 26 tries.
1942: Paul Waner of the Boston Braves got his 3,000th career hit off Pittsburgh's Rip Sewell in a 7-6, 11-inning loss to the Pirates.
1956: Pittsburgh's Dale Long hit a ninth-inning homer against the Chicago Cubs. It was Long's first of eight straight games with a homer.
1962: Stan Musial of St. Louis became the NL career hits leader. The 41-year-old got

MILWAUKEE 7, ATLANTA 6 (11)

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	4	2	0	0	3	.261
Olson 1b	4	1	2	0	1	.255
Riley 3b	5	1	2	3	1	.243
Ozuna dh	5	1	2	1	1	.218
Albies 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.233
d'Arnaud c	5	0	1	1	0	.257
Swanson ss	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Duvall cf	5	0	0	0	2	.198
Demeritte lf	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Heredia lf	1	0	0	0	0	.111
TOTALS	42	6	10	5	12	
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wong 2b	5	0	1	1	1	.246
Urias ss	4	1	1	0	2	.294
Yelich lf	5	1	1	0	1	.237
Renfroe rf	3	1	2	1	1	.250
Taylor cf	5	1	2	1	1	.214
Tellez dh	4	0	1	1	2	.236
Brosseau 3b	3	0	1	1	1	.279
a-Ptrson ph-3b	1	2	0	0	0	.224
Hiura 1b	5	1	2	1	1	.214
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	1	.205
TOTALS	38	7	10	7	11	
Atlanta	004 000 000	11	—	6	10	0
Milwaukee	000 201 001	12	—	7	10	1

No outs when winning run scored. a-walked for Brosseau in the 9th. **E:** Wong (6). **LOB:** Atlanta 8, Milwaukee 9. **2B:** Olson (15), Renfroe (7), Brosseau (1). **3B:** Wong (3). **HR:** Riley (8), off Burnes; Ozuna (7), off Burnes; Hiura (3), off Chavez. **RBIs:** Taylor (18), Ozuna (17), d'Arnaud (16), Riley (8), Tellez (17), d'Arnaud (16), Ray (8), Tellez (30), Brosseau (8), Wong (13), Renfroe (16), Hiura (27). **SB:** Peterson (6), Yelich (5). **SF:** Renfroe. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 3(Albies, Swanson, Ozuna); Milwaukee 5(Hiura 2, Urias, Brosseau, Peterson). **RISP:** Atlanta 2for 7; Milwaukee 5for 15. **Runners moved up:** d'Arnaud. **LIDP:** Wong. **GIDP:** d'Arnaud. **DP:** Atlanta 1(Olson); Milwaukee 1(Brosseau, Wong, Hiura).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fried	6	7	3	3	2	6	3.31
Strider, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.61
Smith, H, 3	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.60
Jansen, BS, 9-10	1	1	1	1	0	0	2.70
O'Day, BS, 0-1	⅔	1	1	0	1	1	3.86
Chavez, L, 0-1	⅔	1	2	1	0	0	4.40
MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	6	7	4	4	0	5	2.26
Gott	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.77
Perdomo	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.50
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	3	4.50
Miller	1	0	1	0	1	1	3.86
Kelley, W, 1-0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0.00
Inherited runners-scored:							Chavez 2-0.
IBB:	off O'Day (Tellez). HBP: Burnes 2 (Acuna Jr., Swanson). WP: Fried.						
Umpires:	Home, Alex Tosi; First, Tom Hallion; Second, Mark Ripberger; Third, Phil Cuzzi. T: 4:03. A: 27,014(41,900).						

L.A. DODGERS 5, ARIZONA 3

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Varsho c	5	2	2	0	1	.252
Luplow rf	4	0	1	0	1	.192
P.Smith dh	4	0	1	2	2	.228
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.212
Rojas 3b	3	1	1	0	2	.243
Peralta lf	4	0	1	0	1	.202
Perdomo ss	4	0	1	1	0	.207
Thomas cf	4	0	1	0	1	.314
Hager 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.111
a-Hernandez ph1	0	0	0	0	1	.118
TOTALS	35	3	9	3	9	
Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	4	1	1	0	0	.262
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.312
T.Turner ss	4	0	1	0	0	.280
W.Smith c	4	1	1	0	1	.253
Muncy 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.167
J.Turner dh	4	1	1	3	1	.203
Bellinger cf	3	1	2	0	0	.205
Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	2	.248
Lux 2b	3	0	1	1	0	.260
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	6	
Arizona	011 000 100	—	3	9	0	
Los Angeles	100 400 00x	—	5	9	0	

a-struck out for Hager in the 9th. **LOB:** Arizona 8, Los Angeles 4. **2B:** Luplow (1), Betts (7), W.Smith (5), Bellinger (9). **HR:** J.Turner 4(4), off Davies. **RBIs:** Perdomo (4), P.Smith (15), Freeman (19), J.Turner 3(28), Lux (11). **SB:** T.Turner (7), Bellinger (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 5(Thomas, Walker 3, Rojas); Los Angeles 2(Lux, Muncy). **RISP:** Arizona 2for 11; Los Angeles 4for 8. **Runners moved up:** Perdomo, P.Smith. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (T.Turner, Freeman, T.Turner).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Davies, L, 2-2	4	7	5	5	0	2	4.35
Mantiply	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.61
Kennedy	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.24
Ramirez	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	3.94
Melanson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	8.03

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Buehler, W, 5-1	5	6	2	2	2	4	2.89
Bruhl, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.61
Graterol, H, 5	2 2/3	2	1	1	1	0	4.50
Price, H, 1	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	3	1.50
Hudson, S, 2-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.84

SPORTS

NBA DRAFT COMBINE

Former UConn guard Martin receives invite

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Former UConn men's basketball guard Tyrese Martin was selected to attend the NBA draft combine after his strong play at NBA G League Elite Camp, the league announced Tuesday.

Martin was one of seven players from the NBA G League Elite Camp to receive the invitation. The list includes former Seton

Hall guard Jared Rhoden, Houston junior Marcus Sasser, LSU forward Darius Days, Louisiana Tech center Kenneth Lofton Jr., Texas Tech forward Bryson Williams and Kansas guard Jalen Wilson.

The combine, which starts Wednesday in Chicago, features 5-on-5 games, strength and agility testing, shooting drills and measurements. With the addition of the seven players, the combine has

83 prospects participating. After transferring from the University of Rhode Island before the 2020-21 season, Martin played two seasons with the Huskies. Last season, the 6-foot-6 guard from Allentown, Pennsylvania, averaged a career-high 13.6 points and 7.5 rebounds while shooting 43% from the 3-point line.

In Tuesday night's NBA G League Elite Camp scrimmage, Martin posted a double-double with 13



UConn's Tyrese Martin gestures after making a 3-point shot during the first half against Villanova in the semifinals of the Big East tournament March 11 in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

points and 14 rebounds. In an earlier scrimmage Tuesday, he had eight points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals in 18 minutes.

The NBA draft will take place on June 23.

Brady

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"Just like that, right there, he told me that he expects that from me coming in," Brady told The Hartford Courant this week. "I'm just excited to get out there, prove myself and see what I can do."

The anticipation in Brady's voice was palpable as she discussed her future with UConn. She's been committed to the Huskies since the middle of her sophomore year of high school and now — finally — it's almost time for her to come to Storrs.

"Talking to you right now, I'm just cheesing just thinking about it," Brady said. "I can't wait."

Brady won't be coming to campus as soon as expected, but for good reason. At the end of May she'll head to Colorado to compete in trials for USA Basketball in hopes of earning a spot on the U18 team. If Brady makes the 12-player roster, she'll stay there for a training camp from June 4-12 and then go to Mexico to compete in the FIBA Americas Championship June 13-19.

The invitation is just one of the many accolades the 6-foot-4 forward has wracked up in recent months. She played in the McDonald's All-American Game in Chicago in late March, and then went back to the Windy City a few weeks later for the Jordan Brand Classic. She was also named to the WBCA All-America team and a Naismith third-team All-American. And she graduates from Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego on May 28.

"Honestly, it's pretty hectic," Brady admits, "to say the least."

Brady didn't know what day the McDonald's rosters were being announced. So when her high school coach, Jackie Turpin, called the Cathedral Catholic team into a meeting during lunch in late January, Brady figured it was for a film session. Instead, Turpin turned on the TV to ESPN for the reveal.

"I saw my name come up and I was just like literally shocked," Brady said. "Everyone was super supportive and cheering me on, and I was really happy and really excited. It was kind of surreal, you know?"

Competing in the prestigious event was one of Brady's goals for her senior season. Once she got there, all of the boys kept talking about the famous players who been McDonald's All-Americans, such as LeBron James. That too, was a surreal moment.

"That just meant a lot," Brady said. "You don't really recognize you're doing something until someone says like, 'You're now in the same position that so and so was in when they were your age.' ... If you stay on the right



Cathedral Catholic's Isuneh Brady moves down the court during the first half against Christian in a 2019 game. Brady will play at UConn later this year. **CHADD CADY/COURTESY**

track it shows that you can really be one of the greats."

Brady's desire to reach that potential was a defining factor in her decision to commit to UConn early in her sophomore year, becoming the first member of ESPN HoopGurlz's Terrific 25 rankings to announce.

"The way that they coach their players and the way that their players learn from that and become successful and move on to the next level, I feel like that was the biggest thing," Brady said. "I'm naturally going to challenge myself, but also having that extra push, I feel like that's exactly what I need to help me be the best version of myself."

By the time the Jordan Brand Classic rolled around a few weeks later, Brady felt a lot more comfortable and confident playing among the best players in the country. She flashed her potential for all to see, making the game-winning play for her team.

Prior to their visit together at UConn's First Night event last October, Brady didn't know fellow commit Patterson that well. They followed each other on Instagram, but because they lived so far from each other (Patterson is from Indiana) they'd never played a game against each other or hung out much in person. They spent a lot more time together at the McDonald's All-American Game and Jordan Brand Classic.

"She's really cool," Brady said. "We were just talking about how excited we are and all the great stuff that's to come."

Brady sees herself playing mostly at the four position for the Huskies and hopes to set herself apart with her ability to float around in the key beyond the traditional post. A versatile forward, she worked a lot on shooting

in her senior season, placing a priority on consistently hitting the 3-ball and midrange shots in addition to banging in the post. Improving her ball-handling skills and attacking the paint have also been things to focus on.

"You watch her play and you see the size and how big she is and how good she is with her feet and with her hands, and so all the things are there," Auriemma said this week. "I think somebody like that, you know, obviously there's a big need for big bodies in our program and she certainly fills that role."

Though it's certainly been more of a trend in recent years, as long as he's been coaching Auriemma says he's had forwards who want to shoot the ball. There's a balance between allowing them to do so and scoring more traditionally — and reliably — in the lane. Finding that balance will be key for Brady.

"We've been looking for, obviously like everyone else, big kids who can shoot it," Auriemma said. "We hope that's what Dorka [Juhász] can really, really help us this year. And hope that Ice can add to that and be another big kid that we can use in a lot of different ways. The more ways that we can take advantage of her skills the better."

Brady knows the adjustment from high school to UConn is going to be hard, both physically and mentally. But that challenge is what excites her, it's why she chose to play for Auriemma. Nearly two and a half years later, that decision is about to become a reality.

"I was just talking about that with my coach, just it feels like obviously forever ago I committed," Brady said. "It's actually happening. So that's just super cool. I'm glad that the time has finally come."

Soccer

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get rewarded for doing what you're supposed to do — and paying men and women equally is what you're supposed to do," U.S. forward Margaret Purce said. "So I'm not giving out any gold stars, but I'm grateful for this accomplishment and for all the people who came together to make it so."

The men have been playing under the terms of a CBA that expired in December 2018. The women's CBA expired at the end of March, but talks continued after the federation and the players agreed to settle a gender discrimination lawsuit brought by some of the players in 2019. The settlement was contingent on the federation reaching labor

contracts that equalized pay and bonuses between the two teams.

Perhaps the biggest sticking point was World Cup prize money, which is based on how far a team advances in the tournament. While the U.S. women have been successful on the international stage with back-to-back World Cup titles, differences in FIFA prize money meant they took home far less than the men's winners. American women received a \$110,000 bonus for winning the 2019 World Cup; the U.S. men would have received \$407,000 had they won in 2018.

The unions agreed to pool FIFA's payments for the men's World Cup later this year and next year's Women's World Cup, as well as for the 2026 and 2027 tournaments.

Each player will get

matching game appearance fees in what the USSF said makes it the first federation to pool FIFA prize money in this manner.

"We saw it as an opportunity, an opportunity to be leaders in this front and join in with the women's side and U.S. Soccer. So we're just excited that this is how we were able to get the deal done," said Walker Zimmerman, a defender who is part of the U.S. National Team Players Association leadership group.

Women's union projections have compensation for a player who has been under contract to increase 34% from 2018 to this year, from \$245,000 to \$327,000. The 2023-28 average annual pay would be \$450,000 for a player making all rosters, with the possibility of doubling the figure in World Cup years depending on

results.

The federation previously based bonuses on payments from FIFA, which earmarked \$400 million for the 2018 men's tournament, including \$38 million to champion France, and \$30 million for the 2019 women's tournament, including \$4 million to the champion United States.

FIFA has increased the total to \$440 million for the 2022 men's World Cup, and its president, Gianni Infantino, has proposed that FIFA double the women's prize money to \$60 million for the 2023 Women's World Cup, in which FIFA has increased the number of teams to 32.

For the current World Cup cycles, the USSF will pool the FIFA funds, taking 10% off the top and then splitting the rest equally among 46 players — 23 players on the roster of each team.

Softball

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beginning of the season I was on fire but then calmed down a little bit and picked it up this past week."

Sullivan gave up a triple and infield single to Bristol Central's Leah Sklenka and had one walk.

"I just needed to get ahead in the count, then just be aggressive at the plate and score and we did that," Sulli-

van. "We did great in the field; they made the plays for me.

"I had confidence in all my pitches and they were all working."

Southington got two runs in the third and three in the fourth. Sam Rogers also had two hits and scored two runs.

It was a long way from the way the Blue Knights struggled uncharacteristically against Masuk, losing 6-0, in Monroe last week.

"We didn't do the best hitting that

game," Sullivan said. "Our discipline was kind of off. We weren't aggressive. Low energy. We definitely picked it up after that and came back.

"I think the loss was good. It motivated us to go in and get the bats going again."

Said Boisvert: "They did have a bad game against Masuk, but it makes you better. To stay undefeated is hard."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Celtics take a look at the film after Game 1 collapse

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

MIAMI — In the wake of Tuesday night's Game 1 loss to the Miami Heat, the Celtics sounded like a football team.

Whether it was Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown or coach Ime Udoka, they all had to look at the "film."

A day later, after getting together at the team hotel, the damage was fairly self-explanatory: being on the wrong end of a 39-14 third quarter, including only two field goals, five second-half assists after 17 in the first half and eight third-quarter turnovers, including six from Tatum.

And, above all, just about anything Jimmy Butler did to disrupt the Celtics.

"To put a guy on the line 18 times, [we've] just got to play smarter," Daniel Theis said of Butler's ability to shoot 17-for-18 from the line as a big part of his 41-point performance.

"We know he's a big shot-fake guy, so all of us just got to be smarter and put the hands back and just make him make tough shots. He had some tough shots he made, [so you] can shake his hand but can't bail him out and put him on the free-throw line that many times because he's a great free-throw shooter.

"That's easy points right there; gets him a rhythm. So we got to stay away from that."

But the Celtics feel they also have two encouraging reference points.

They responded well after losing Game 1 of the conference semifinals to Milwaukee in the Garden. And that 39-14 eyesore aside, they otherwise played well against the Heat, including as the better team in the first half.

"We have a lot of confidence in our group," Theis said. "We won three out of four quarters [Tuesday].

"The third quarter killed us — we gave up 40 points and we had eight turnovers in the quarter. That's more

Up next



Celtics at Heat, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

convincing for us that we can beat this team. We just have to play a full game.

"It's kind of similar to Milwaukee in a way. They want to score off offensive rebounds and turnovers because our half-court defense is great. But like I said the third quarter killed us."

There's also a chance the Celtics will miss Marcus Smart (right foot sprain) and Al Horford (health protocol) for Thursday night's Game 2 as well. The absence of both players was clearly evident in Game 1.

"Obviously we weren't prepared for playing without Al," said Theis. "Surprised right before the game to find out he's not playing. It's next man up when somebody is out, and you saw that in the first half — we played great.

"Second half, the Heat adjusted [and] packed the paint. We took a lot of contested jump shots, turned the ball over a lot, and it changed the game for them."

Rob Williams was on the floor for much of that damage.

"It just has to be a team effort," Theis said. "We take pride on defense, obviously, and the biggest thing with that is helping each other, realizing it's not one guy out there to guard. There's defensive tendency and there's rebounding tendency, so just a team effort."

"Obviously it's tough losing any teammates, especially our two starters, but it's a next-man-up mentality," said Williams. "And it doesn't really worry me because my guys, they know how to fight.

"And even if this starts with me or other people just stepping up and taking on that defensive presence or leading the physicality presence, whatever we got to do to step it up a notch."

NFL REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Giants' Brown, McGaughey to attend diversity seminar for head coach, GM candidates

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

Giants assistant GM Brandon Brown and special teams coordinator Thomas McGaughey will attend an NFL diversity seminar in Atlanta on Monday as a networking opportunity for minority GM and head coaching candidates, according to a source.

Monday's seminar is one league effort to improve an insufficient diversity track record. The seminar will give candidates a chance to network and interact with NFL team owners ahead Tuesday's regularly scheduled one-day spring owners' meeting.

Brown, 33, is on the rise in his first year as Giants assistant GM after spending the five previous years with the Philadelphia Eagles. He was director of player personnel in 2021.

McGaughey, 49, is a respected veteran coordinator of six NFL franchises. He is entering his fifth straight season with the Giants in his second stint with the organization.

The seminar's launch was first reported by The Washington Post.

The Giants, meanwhile, reshuffled the bottom of their roster on Wednesday with four signings and corresponding cuts. They signed defensive end Jalyn Holmes, safety Henry Black, and corners Maurice Canady and Khalil Maurice.

They cut quarterback Brian Lewerke, outside linebacker Trent Harris, defensive end Raymond Johnson III and defensive back Jordan Mosley (waived/injured). Lewerke's release leaves

the Giants with only three quarterbacks on their roster: Daniel Jones, Tyrod Taylor and Davis Webb.

Holmes, 26, who played 189 defensive snaps (35%) for the New Orleans Saints last season, knows Giants defensive line coach Andre Patterson from their time together in Minnesota.

Black, 25, is a former Green Bay Packer who played a lot of special teams in 2021. He logged 262 defensive snaps (24%), mostly in the slot or the box.

Jets sign all three top picks: The New York Jets signed wide receiver Garrett Wilson to a four-year, \$20.55 million deal, the last of the team's three first-round draft picks to get under contract.

Wilson was the No. 10 overall pick last month out of Ohio State. He's expected to be an immediate contributor as a rookie, giving second-year quarterback Zach Wilson a speedy vertical threat in what should be an improved offense.

The fully guaranteed deal for Garrett Wilson includes a \$12.1 million signing bonus, according to SNY.

Cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner, the No. 4 overall pick, signed his four-year, \$38.7 million deal on May 7. Defensive end Jermaine Johnson, the 26th pick, signed a four-year, \$13.1 million contract Monday.

Garrett Wilson had 70 receptions in 1,058 yards and 12 touchdowns for Ohio State, establishing himself as one of college football's top wide receivers.

An Associated Press report is included in this story.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFFS
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
#1 Miami 1, #2 Boston 0
May 17: Miami 118-107
Thursday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Friday: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Monday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 25: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 27: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 29: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
#3 Golden State vs. #4 Dallas
Wednesday: at Golden State, late
Friday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Sunday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Tuesday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x-May 26: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-May 28: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x-May 30: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

DRAFT LOTTERY
Tuesday in Chicago
1. Orlando
2. Oklahoma City
3. Houston
4. Sacramento
5. Detroit
6. Indiana
7. Portland
8. New Orleans (via L.A. Lakers)
9. San Antonio
10. Washington
11. New York
12. Oklahoma City (via L.A. Clippers)
13. Charlotte
14. Cleveland

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	4	1	.800	—
Washington	4	1	.800	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Connecticut	2	1	.667	1
Indiana	2	4	.333	2½
New York	1	4	.200	3
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	4	1	.800	—
Phoenix	2	2	.500	1½
Dallas	2	2	.500	1½
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2
Seattle	1	3	.250	2½
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
Chicago at Seattle, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Phoenix, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 101, Indiana 79
Connecticut 92, New York 65
Washington 84, Dallas 68
Las Vegas 86, Phoenix 74
Minnesota 87, Los Angeles 84

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 3p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8p.m.

AP WNBA POWER POLL
Records through May. 17 all points based on 12 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 12th-place vote and high and low place on ballots:

TEAM	W	L	Pts	Pv	HiLow
1. Las Vegas (2)	3	1	124	1	2
2. Wash. (6)	3	1	121	2	1
3. Chicago (2)	2	1	105	6	1
4. Connecticut	1	1	94	5	2
5. Phoenix	2	1	88	8	3
6. Atlanta	3	1	74	9	3
7. Dallas	2	1	61	11	6
8. Seattle	0	1	60	4	3
9. Los Angeles	2	2	57	2	7
10. Indiana	2	3	33	12	9
11. New York	1	3	20	7	11
12. Minnesota	0	4	15	10	9

TENNIS

WTA INTERNATIONALX DE STRASBOURG
At Strasbourg Tennis Club, Strasbourg, France, Outdoors-red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1Karolina Pliskova d.
Bernarda Pera, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.
#2Angelique Kerber d.
Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.
#4Elise Mertens d.
Anna-Lena Friedsam, 7-5, 7-5.
#9Viktoria Golubic d.
Fiona Ferro, 6-4, 6-2.
Kaja Juvan d.
Nefisa Berberovic, 6-2, 6-3.
Oceane Dodin d.
Ekaterina Makarova, 6-2, 6-1.

WTA GRAND PRIX DE SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM
At Club des Cheminots, Rabat, Morocco, Outdoors-clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Martina Trevisan d.
#1Garbine Muguruzza, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
#3Nuria Parrizas Diaz d.
Kristina Mladenovic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Claire Liu d.
#4Mayar Sherif, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-1.
#5Anna Bondar d.
Kristina Kucova, 6-3, 6-3.
#7Arantxa Rus (7), Netherlands, d.
Dalma Galfi, Hungary, 6-4, 6-2.
Lucia Bronzetti d. Clara Burel, 6-3, 6-2.
6-2, 2-6, 15-13.

ATP WORLD TOUR GENEVA OPEN
At Tennis Club de Geneve. Eaux-Vives-Geneva, Outdoors-red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2Casper Ruud d. Benoit Paire, 6-3, 6-1.
Ilya Ivashka d.
#3Denis Shapovalov, 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-3.
#4Reilly Opelka d.
Christopher O'Connell, 6-3, 7-5.
Joao Sousa d.
#5Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-4, 6-3.
Thanasi Kokkinakis d.
#7Federico Delbonis, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Tallon Griekspoor d.
Johan Nikles, 6-3, 7-5.

ATP WORLD TOUR OPEN PARC AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES LYON
At Parc de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France, Outdoors-clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Federico Coria d.
#2Pablo Carreno Busta, 7-5, 6-3.
Alex Molcan d.
#5Karen Khachanov, 6-2, 7-6(4).
Holger Vitus Nodskov d.
Adrian Mannarino, 6-4, 6-3.

HORSE RACING

147TH PREAKNESS STAKES
The field for Saturday's 147th Preakness Stakes. Post time: 7:01 p.m. EDT.

PP. HORSE (JOCKEY)	ODDS
1. Simplification (John Velazquez)	6-1
2. Creative Minister (Br. Hernandez Jr.)	10-1
3. Fenwick (Florent Geroux)	50-1
4. Secret Oath (Luis Saez)	9-2
5. Early Voting (Jose Ortiz)	7-2
6. Happy Jack (Tyler Gaffalione)	30-1
7. Armagnac (Irad Ortiz Jr.)	12-1
8. Epicenter (Joel Rosario)	6-5
9. Skippy (longstocking (Junior Alvarado))	20-1
Trainers (by post position): 1, Antonio Sano, 2, Kenny McPeck, 3, Kevin McKathan, 4, D. Wayne Lukas, 5, Chad Brown, 6, Doug O'Neill, 7, Tim Yakteen, 8, Steve Asmussen, 9, Saffie Joseph Jr.	
Owners (by post position): 1, Tami Bobo, Tristan de Meric, 2, Fern Circle Stables, Back Racing, LLC, 3, Villa Rosa Farm, Harlo Stable, LLC, 4, Briland Farm, 5, Klaravich Stables Inc., 6, Calumet Farm, 7, SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Master-son, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC., Catherine Donovan, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC, 8, Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 9, Daniel Alonso.	
Weights: 126 each. Distance: 1 3-16 miles.	
Purse: \$1,500,000.	
First place: \$900,000.	
Second place: \$300,000.	
Third place: \$165,000.	
Fourth place: \$90,000.	
Fifth: \$45,000.	

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina vs. N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday: at Carolina, late
Friday: at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-May 26: at Carolina, TBA
x-May 28: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-May 30: at Carolina, TBA
Tampa Bay 1, Florida 0
May 17: Tampa Bay 4-1
Thursday: at Florida, 7 p.m.
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 1:30 p.m.
Monday: at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-May 25: at Florida, TBA
x-May 27: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-May 29: at Florida, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Calgary vs. Edmonton
Wednesday: at Calgary, late
Friday: at Calgary, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 26: at Calgary, TBA
x-May 28: at Edmonton, TBA
x-May 30: at Calgary, TBA

Colorado vs. St. Louis
May 17: at Colorado, late
Thursday: at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Monday: at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 25: at Colorado, TBA
x-May 27: at St. Louis, TBA
x-May 29: at Colorado, TBA

GOLF

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP TEE TIMES-
Thursday-Sunday at Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., Purse: TBA, Yardage: 7,556, Par: 70
Thursday-Friday: First hole-10th hole
8 a.m.-1:25 p.m.: John Daly, United States; Shaun Micheel, United States; Y.E. Yang, South Korea.
8:11 a.m.-1:36 p.m.: Takumi Kanaya, Japan; Matthew Borchert, United States; Troy Merritt, United States.
8:22 a.m.-1:47 p.m.: Dean Burmester, South Africa; Kyle Mendoza, United States; Chris Kirk, United States.
8:33 a.m.-1:58 p.m.: Nic Ishee, United States; Milo Pereira, Chile; Sam Horsfield, England.
8:44 a.m.-2:09 p.m.: Kevin Streelman, United States; Shaun Norris, South Africa; Carlos Ortiz, Mexico.
8:55 a.m.-2:20 p.m.: Matt Kuchar, United States; Cam Davis, Australia; Rikuya Hoshino, Japan.
9:06 a.m.-2:31 p.m.: Stewart Cink, United States; Jason Dufner, United States; Padraig Harrington, Ireland.
9:17 a.m.-2:42 p.m.: Kramer Hickok, United States; Abraham Ancer, Mexico; Thomas Pieters, Belgium.
9:28 a.m.-2:53 p.m.: Richard Bland, England; Matt Jones, Australia; Garrick Higgo, South Africa.
9:39 a.m.-3:04 p.m.: Beau Hossler, United States; Tom Hoge, United States; Si Woo Kim, South Korea.
9:50 a.m.-3:15 p.m.: Shawn Warren, United States; Pablo Larrazabal, Spain; Ryan Fox, New Zealand.
10:01 a.m.-3:26 p.m.: Zac Oakley, United States; Yuki Inamori, Japan; Sebastian Munoz, Colombia.
10:12 a.m.-3:37 p.m.: Brendan Steele, United States; Casey Pyne, United States; Bio Kim, South Korea.
10th hole-First hole
8:05 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Ryan Palmer, United States; Robert MacIntyre, Scotland; Alex Noren, Sweden.
8:16 a.m.-1:41 p.m.: Adri Arnaus, Spain; Colin Inglis, United States; Jinichiro Kozuma, Japan.
8:27 a.m.-1:52 p.m.: Mackenzie Hughes, Canada; Michael Block, United States; Sadom Kaewkanjana, Thailand.
8:38 a.m.-2:03 p.m.: Hideki Matsuyama, Japan; Xander Schauffele, United States; Tony Finau, United States.
8:49 a.m.-2:14 p.m.: Tyrrell Hatton, England; Bryson DeChambeau, United States; Max Homa, United States.
9:00 a.m.-2:25 p.m.: Viktor Hovland, Norway; Will Zalatoris, United States; Cameron Smith, Australia.
9:11 a.m.-2:36 p.m.: Jordan Spieth, United States; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Tiger Woods, United States.
9:22 a.m.-2:47 p.m.: Patrick Reed, United States; Justin Rose, England; Bubba Watson, United States.
9:33 a.m.-2:58 p.m.: Kevin Na, United States; Lucas Glover, United States; Daniel van Tonder, South Africa.
9:44 a.m.-3:09 p.m.: Cameron Young, United States; Sam Burns, United States; Davis Riley, United States.
9:55 a.m.-3:20 p.m.: Francesco Molinari, Italy; Lee Westwood, England; Gary Woodland, United States.
10:06 a.m.-3:31 p.m.: Brian Harman, United States; Ryan Veerme, United States; Oliver Bekker, South Africa.
10:17 a.m.-3:42 p.m.: Dylan Newman, United States; Lanto Griffin, United States; Laurie Canter, England.
First hole-10th hole
1:30 p.m.-8:05 a.m.: Ryan Brehm, United States; Wyatt Worthington II, United States; Min Woo Lee, Australia.
1:41 p.m.-8:16 a.m.: Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark; Sean McCarty, United States; Justin Harding, South Africa.
1:52 p.m.-8:27 a.m.: Cameron Tringale, United States; Hudson Swafford, United States; Adam Hadwin, Canada.
2:03 p.m.-8:38 a.m.: Shane Lowry, Ireland; Brooks Koepka, United States; Adam Scott, Australia.
2:14 p.m.-8:49 a.m.: Dustin Johnson, United States; Patrick Cantlay, United States; Justin Thomas, United States.
2:25 p.m.-9 a.m.: Jason Day, Australia; Rickie Fowler, United States; Harold Varner III, United States.
2:36 p.m.-9:11 a.m.: Jon Rahm, Spain; Collin Morikawa, United States; Scottie Scheffler, United States.
2:47 p.m.-9:22 a.m.: Daniel Berger, United States; Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa; Ian Poulter, England.
2:58 p.m.-9:33 a.m.: Kevin Kisner, United States; Tommy Fleetwood, England; Billy Horschel, United States.
3:09 p.m.-9:44 a.m.: Sergio Garcia, Spain; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa; Matt Fitzpatrick, England.
3:20 p.m.-9:55 a.m.: Harry Higgs, United States; Joaquin Niemann, Chile; Erik van Rooyen, United States.
3:31 p.m.-10:06 a.m.: Alex Beach, United States; Bernd Wiesberger, Austria; Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela.
3:42 p.m.-10:17 a.m.: Jared Jones, United States; Aaron Wise, United States; Joel Dahmen, United States.
10th hole-First hole
1:25 p.m.-8:00 a.m.: Brandon Bingaman, United States; Talor Gooch, United States; Ryoosuke Kinoshita, Japan.
1:36 p.m.-8:11 a.m.: Tim Fenestra, United States; Anirban Lahiri, India; K.H. Lee, South Korea.
1:47 p.m.-8:22 a.m.: Rich Beem, United States; Jesse Mueller, United States; Alex Cejka, Germany.
1:58 p.m.-8:33 a.m.: Russell Knox, Scotland; Seamus Power, Ireland; Scott Stallings, United States.
2:09 p.m.-8:44 a.m.: Jason Kokrak, United States; Corey Connors, Canada; Christiaan Bezuidenhout, South Africa.
2:20 p.m.-8:55 a.m.: Martin Kaymer, Germany; Marc Leishman, Australia; Keegan Bradley, United States.
2:31 p.m.-9:06 a.m.: Zach Johnson, United States; Russell Henley, United States; Cameron Champ, United States.
2:42 p.m.-9:17 a.m.: Webb Simpson, United States; Branden Grace, South Africa; Henrik Stenson, Sweden.
2:53 p.m.-9:28 a.m.: Sepp Straka, Austria; J.J. Spaun, United States; Adam Schenk, United States.
3:04 p.m.-9:39 a.m.: Matthew Wolff, United States; Joohyung Kim, South Korea; Keith Mitchell, United States.
3:15 p.m.-9:50 a.m.: Chad Ramey, United States; Austin Hurt, United States; Lucas Herbert, Australia.
3:26 p.m.-10:01 a.m.: Tyler Collet, United States; Chan Kim, United States; Maverick McNealy, United States.
3:37 p.m.-10:12 a.m.: Luke List, United States; Paul Dickinson, United States; Patton Kizzire, United States.

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
CF Montréal	6	3	2	20	22
Orlando City	6	4	2	20	14
Philadelphia	5	1	5	20	16
Cincinnati	6	5	1	19	16
New York	5	2	4	19	17
New York City FC	5	3	2	17	21
Atlanta	4	4	3	15	17
D.C. United	4	5	1	13	14
Charlotte FC	4	7	1	13	10
Columbus	3	4	4	13	15
New England	3	5	3	12	18
Toronto FC	3	7	2	11	16
Inter Miami CF	3	6	2	11	11
Chicago	2	5	4	10	8
WESTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	7	2	2	23	23
FC Dallas	6	1	4	22	19
Austin FC	6	3	2	20	23
LA Galaxy	6	4	1	19	12
Real Salt Lake	5	3	4	19	12
Houston	4	4	3	15	14
Colorado	4	4	3	15	13
Nashville	4	4	3	15	11
Portland	3	3	6	15	18
Minnesota United	4	5	2	14	12
Seattle	3	5	1	10	12
San Jose	2	5	4	10	19
Sporting KC	2	7	3	9	10
Vancouver	2	6	2	8	10

Three points for victory, one point for tie.
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC at D.C. United, late
Chicago at New York, late
Miami at Philadelphia, late
LA Galaxy at Minnesota, late
Seattle at Houston, late
Colorado at Sporting Kansas City, late
CF Montréal at Nashville, late
FC Dallas at Vancouver, late
Austin FC at Los Angeles FC, late
Portland at San Jose, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Los Angeles FC at Columbus, 3:30p.m.
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 4p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Nashville, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Real Salt Lake at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte FC, 5p.m.
Chicago at New York City FC, 5p.m.
New York at Miami, 6p.m.
Minnesota at FC Dallas, 7p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 8p.m.
Houston at LA Galaxy, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 28
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 6p.m.
Columbus at Atlanta, 7p.m.
D.C. United at New York, 7p.m.
Chicago at Toronto FC, 7p.m.
Cincinnati at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Miami, 8p.m.
New York City FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9p.m.
Vancouver at Sporting KC, 9p.m.
Houston at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

NWSL TEAMS	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
San Diego Wave FC	3	0	0	9	7
Angel City FC	2	1	0	6	3
Portland	1	0	1	4	3
Houston	1	1	1	4	3
Orlando	1	1	1	4	3
Chicago	1	1	0	3	3
Washington	1	1	0	3	2
Gotham FC	1	1	0	3	4
Louisville	0	1	2	2	4
OL Reign	0	1	2	2	3
Kansas City	0	2	1	1	2
North Carolina	0	1	0	0	1

Three points for victory, one point for tie.
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Orlando at North Carolina, late
San Diego Wave FC at Louisville, late
Washington at Portland, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Portland, 6p.m.
Kansas City at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
San Diego Wave FC at North Carolina, 2p.m.
Louisville at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Washington at OL Reign, 6p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
Kansas City at OL Reign, 10p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 27
Washington at Orlando, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Man City	37	28	6	3	96	24	90
Liverpool	37	27	8	2	91	25	89
Chelsea	36	20	10	6	73	31	70
Tottenham	37	21	5	11	64	40	68
Arsenal	37	21	3	13	56	47	66
Man United	37	16	10	11	57	56	58
West Ham	37	16	8	13	59	48	56
Wolverhampton	37	15	6	16	37	40	51
Leicester	36	13	9	14	57	57	48
Brighton	37	11	15	11	39	43	48
Brentford	37	13	7	17	47	54	46
Newcastle	37	12	10	15	42	61	46
Crystal Palace	36	10	15	11	47	43	45
Aston Villa	36	13	5	18	49	50	44
Southampton	37	9	14	14	41	62	42
Everton	36	10	6	20	39	59	36
Leeds	37	8	11	18	40	78	35
Burnley	36	7	13	16	32	50	34
Watford	37	6	5	26	33	75	23
Norwich	37	5	7	25	23	79	22

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Crystal Palace, 2:45p.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 3p.m.
Aston Villa vs. Burnley, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Everton, 11a.m.
Brentford vs. Leeds, 11a.m.
Brighton vs. West Ham, 11a.m.
Burnley vs. Newcastle, 11a.m.
Chelsea vs. Watford, 11a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Man United, 11a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 11a.m.
Liverpool vs. Wolverhampton, 11a.m.
Man City vs. Aston Villa, 11a.m.
Norwich vs. Tottenham, 11a.m.




TUESDAY'S RESULT
Liverpool 2, Southampton 1

ODDS	MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE FAVORITE	THURSDAY LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
+108	at Philadelphia-126	San Diego		
+138	at NY Mets	-164 St. Louis		
off	at Chi. Cubs	off Arizona		
AMERICAN LEAGUE	FAVORITE	THURSDAY LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
+176	NY Yankees	-120	at Baltimore	
+108	Chi. White Sox	-126	at Kan. City	
off	at Boston	off Seattle		
off	at Houston	off Texas		
INTERLEAGUE	FAVORITE	THURSDAY LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
off	Cincinnati	off Cleveland		

NBA PLAYOFFS
FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG
at Miami 4 (207%) Boston
THURSDAY FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG Line
at Florida -162 Tampa Bay +134
at Colorado -225 St. Louis +184
For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook. https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

WEATHER

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning showers, then considerable cloudiness. South winds at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 65°
LOW 53°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly to mostly sunny, warmer and more humid.

HIGH 82°
LOW 62°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Becoming mostly sunny, hot and humid.

HIGH 97°
LOW 70°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny, hot and humid, a chance for late day and evening showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 95°
LOW 63°

MONDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy and cooler.

HIGH 76°
LOW 56°

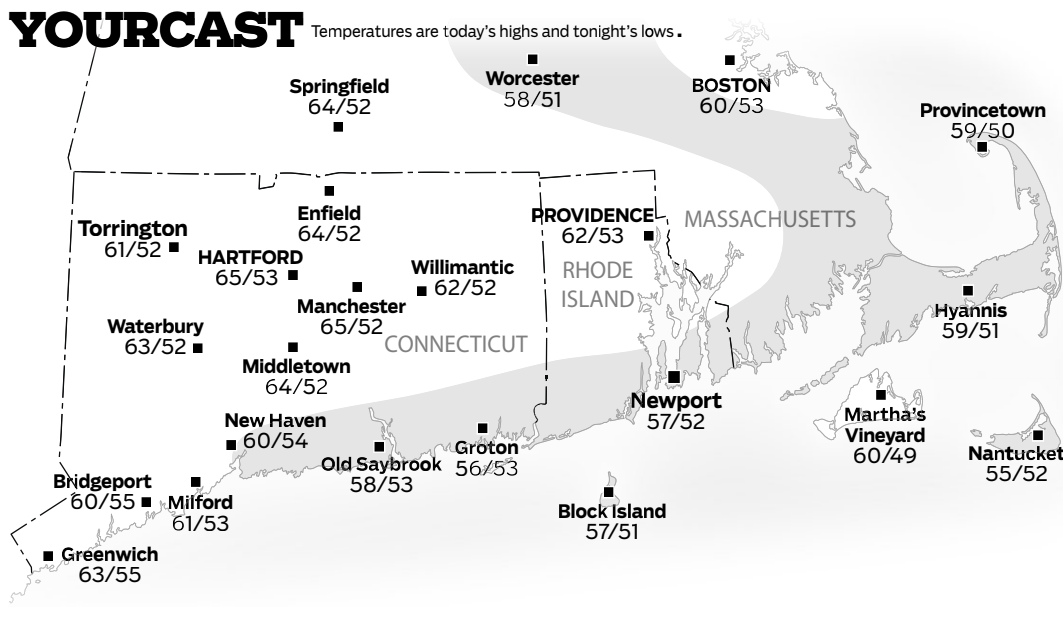
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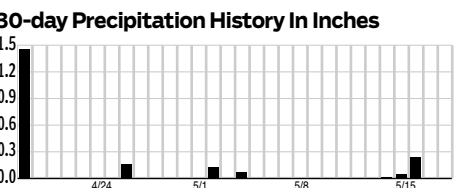
A frontal system crossing the Northeast will cause cloudy skies and showers Thursday morning, then there will just be clouds in the afternoon, although some breaks of sun are expected. Temperatures will be cooler than normal with highs ranging from the mid-50s to the mid-60s. A warming trend on Friday, then a two-day hot stretch this weekend. Highs on Saturday should be among the highest in May on record in the Greater Hartford area. The hottest May days were 99 degrees on May 26, 2010, and May 20, 1996. The third hottest day was 97 degrees on May 9, 1979.

-Gary Lessor

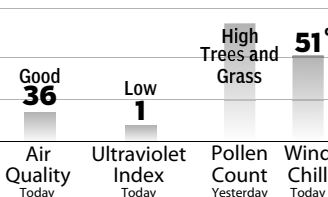
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	0.50 2.13
Total this year	15.20 16.23

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:27 a.m.	5:27 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.	8:08 p.m.
Moonrise	a.m.	12:34 a.m.
Moonset	8:22 a.m.	9:34 a.m.

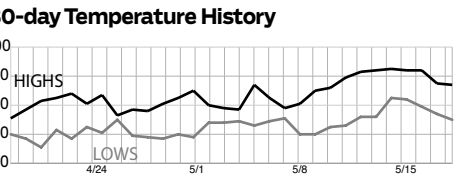


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	12:08 a.m.	7:04 a.m.	61°
Saybrook Jetty	1:19 a.m.	7:57 a.m.	60°
Connecticut River at Portland	1:59 p.m.	8:02 p.m.	
Madison	4:02 a.m.	11:43 a.m.	60°
New Haven	4:42 p.m.	11:48 p.m.	
Stamford	1:42 a.m.	8:08 a.m.	60°
	2:23 p.m.	8:23 p.m.	
	2:02 a.m.	8:32 a.m.	59°
	2:43 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	
	2:06 a.m.	8:46 a.m.	56°
	2:47 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford:	5.18 feet at 6:30 p.m.
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W Showers
Wind	L.I. Sound E Showers
Seas	B.I. Sound Showers
	S/E, 5-10 S/E, 10-15 S/SE, 10-15
	1-3 ft. 1 ft. 2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday	74 at 1:42 p.m.	50 at 4:11 a.m.
Normal for date	72	49
Record for date	96 in 2017	31 in 1984
A year ago	83	47
Range this year	85	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 18	5290	5792	5357



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.95 at 10 a.m.	29.84 at 2 a.m.
Dew point	42° at 4 a.m.	24° at 4 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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TUESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CRAL
PARISH HILL 7, MLC 4
PH 003-010-3-7-12-0
M 300-100-0-4-5-0
WP: Joseph Landolfi. LP: Anthony Heller.
Rec.: PH-7-8; M-3-10.
Others
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 7, ELLINGTON 5
HK 032-000-2-7-5-0
E 100-020-2-5-7-5
WP: Liam Gordon. LP: Evan Robbins. Rec.: HK-13-6; E-12-4. Note: Caden Civiello had a 2-out, 2-run single in the 7th for H-K. Lucas Kamoon had 2hits and tossed 3innings of 3-hit ball in relief. Evan Robbins and Josh Einsledel each had 2hits for Ellington.

SOFTBALL

CCC-Inter
SOUTHINGTON 10, RHAM 2
R 011-000-0-2-5-11
S 141-022-x-10-9-2
WP: Taylor Sullivan. LP: Hadley Marchand. Rec.: S-16-1; R-14-3. Note: Ashlyn Desaulniers was 3-for-5with a triple, double, 2RBI for Southington. Natalie Assunto was 2-for-3 for RHAM.
ECC
WINDHAM 1, PUTNAM 0 (8)
W 000-000-01-1-5-0
P 000-000-00-0-1-1
WP: Analise Escarraman. LP: Celina Lopez. Rec.: W-9-7; P-5-10. Note: Escarraman tossed a 1-hit shutout with 21strikeouts and had the go-ahead RBI single in the top of the 8th.

GIRLS GOLF

SCC
CHESHIRE 178, AMITY 202
Medalist: Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 42at Southington CC. Note: Cheshire head coach John Williams earned his 200th career win.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-West
AVON 96, FARMINGTON 54
Note: Paul Netland set a new Avon school record in the 110hurdles (15.35seconds).
Others
SOMERS 124, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 25
SOMERS 117, HMTCA 32
SOMERS 91, EAST WINDSOR 58
EAST WINDSOR 98, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 25
EAST WINDSOR 92, HMTCA 32
HMTCA 53, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 42

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 83.33, AVON, 66.67
HALL 78, CONARD 72
Others
SOMERS 139 CIVIC LEADERSHIP 6
SOMERS 115 HMTCA 31
SOMERS 114.4 EAST WINDSOR 31.6
EAST WINDSOR 98 CIVIC LEADERSHIP 25
EAST WINDSOR 60 HMTCA 52
HMTCA 76 CIVIC LEADERSHIP 13

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 7, SIMSBURY 0
NCCC
SUFFIELD 4, CANTON 3
Others
LYMAN HALL 5, NORTH BRANFORD 2

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-Inter
BRISTOL EASTERN 14, HARTFORD PUBLIC/HMTCA 0 (5)
BE 750-111-14-12-1
HP 000-00-0-2-5
WP: Ben D'Amato. LP: Yadiel Alvarado. Rec.: BE-6-10; HP-1-17.
PLATT 4, SOUTH WINDSOR 2
HALL 4, BRISTOL CENTRAL 0
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 14, BLOOMFIELD CO-OP 4 (5)
RHAM 4, PLAINVILLE 4
NEWINGTON 12, GLASTONBURY 7
SOUTHINGTON 7, EAST CATHOLIC 2
EAST HARTFORD 9, LEWIS MILLS 2
MIDDLETOWN 10, SIMSBURY 7
TOLLAND 6, ROCKY HILL 2
WINDSOR 12, ENFIELD 6

NCCC
SUFFIELD 9, EAST GRANBY 1
EG 000-001-0-1-3-3
S 520-200-x-9-10-2
WP: Nick Gomes. LP: Joe Medeiros. Rec.: S-9-8; EG-10-8. Note: Austin Dultz was 2-for-4 with a triple, 5RBI and Sam Beaudoin was 3-for-3with 2RBI for Suffield.

BOLTON 2, EAST WINDSOR 1
WINDSOR LOCKS 3, SMSA 2 (11)
CTC

WILCOX TECH 12, WINDHAM TECH 7 (10)
WIL 001-012-300-5-12-14-6
WIN 100-210-300-0-7-6-8
WP: Brandon Alvarado. LP: Daniel Meikle. Rec.: WIL-15-5; WIN-8-11. Note: Robert Herzman was 3-for-6with a triple, double, 2RBI and Devin DelVecchio was 3-for-5with a double, RBI, 3runs scored. Tyler Tashea had 3RBI for Windham Tech.

O'BRIEN TECH 12, GOODWIN TECH 2
GRASSO TECH 14, VINAL TECH 2
CRAL

INNOVATION 10, WEAVER 4
CIVIC LEADERSHIP 13, CAPITAL PREP 1
SCC

SHEEHAN 12, LAW 2 (6)
LYMAN HALL 5, EAST HAVEN 3
XAVIER 13, WILBUR CROSS 7

Others
EAST HAMPTON 11, CANTON 6
EH 100-033-4-11-13-1
C 000-050-1-6-9-2
WP: Luke Paluska. LP: TQ Quinn. HR: EH-Dan Cascio. Rec.: EH-7-11; C-10-9. Note: Cascio was 3-for-4with a homer, double, 2RBI and James Quinn was 2-for-4with a triple, 2RBI. Andrew Cappabianca was 2-for-4with a triple, 2RBI for Canton.

WETHERSFIELD 8, GRANBY 2
W 000-033-2-8-7-2
G 100-010-0-2-5-1
WP: Noah Terzo. LP: Josh Selander. Rec.: W-14-2; G-8-9.

EAST LYME 7, OLD LYME 2

SOFTBALL

CCC-South
MALONEY 4, BRISTOL EASTERN 1
CCC-East
TOLLAND 20, EAST HARTFORD 8
CCC-Inter
ENFIELD 6, WINDSOR 2
E 202-002-0-6-11-0
W 000-100-1-2-5-1
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. LP: Sydney Hicks. HR: E-Payten Stebbins. Rec.: E-14-4; W-9-11. Note: Stebbins was 4-for-4with a homer, double, 3RBI and Meredith Higgins was 4-for-4 with 3runs scored. Brianna Bailey was 1-for-2 with an RBI, run scored for Windsor.

NEWINGTON 12, LEWIS MILLS 0
LM 000-00-0-3-4
N 811-2x-10-13-3
WP: Kiley Connors. LP: Eliza Criss. Rec.: N-8-8; LM-2-16. Note: Jaelyn Gonzalez was 2-for-3 with a double, 2RBI and Brianna Gadarowski was 2-for-4with 2RBI.

SOUTHINGTON 8, BRISTOL CENTRAL 0
BC 000-000-0-0-3-3
S 212-300-x-8-10-1
WP: Sam Sullivan. LP: Alex Sciarretto. Rec.: S-17-1; BC-16-3. Note: Ashlyn Desaulniers was 4-for-4with 2runs scored.

WETHERSFIELD 11, FARMINGTON 1
WP: Mackenzi Banet. LP: Amber Wolkniar. Rec.: W-12-6; F-2-16.

HALL 13, SOUTH WINDSOR 0 (5)
GLASTONBURY 6, MANCHESTER 1
SIMSBURY 12, PLATT 4
RHAM 9, MIDDLETOWN 3
PLAINVILLE 14, BLOOMFIELD 2 (5)

NCCC
EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 3, BOLTON 2 (9)
ELLINGTON 11, GRANBY 2
SUFFIELD 15, WINDSOR LOCKS 4
Shoreline
HALE-RAY 10, MORGAN 4
CROMWELL 23, OLD SAYBROOK 9
CTC

VINAL TECH 17, GRASSO TECH 1
SCC
SHA 4, MERCY 2

Others
EAST GRANBY 13, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 7
SOMERS 7, VALLEY REGIONAL 2
WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 11, HOLY FAMILY 2

BOYS LACROSSE

Others
HALL 11, TRUMBULL 6

WATERTOWN 17, BRISTOL CO-OP 4

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North
GLASTONBURY 15, HALL 5
CCC-Central
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 10, RHAM 9 (OT)
Goals: NWC-Charlotte Brenner (8), Annie Szyluk, Elise Nicholas; R-Clara Murray (4), Maggie Walker (3), Eva Morelli-Wolfe, Ally Bernier. Saves: NWC-Gabby Hutchinson, 14; R-Taryn Brysgeel, 14. Rec.: NWC-2-12; R-4-11.

NVL
ST. PAUL 15, WATERTOWN 10
Others
SOMERS 16, WINDSOR 1

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
WETHERSFIELD 3, BULKELEY/SMSA 0 (25-5, 25-16, 25-19)
Rec.: W-7-10; BS-3-15.

CCC-Inter
NEW BRITAIN 3, MALONEY 1 (27-25, 25-20, 21-25, 25-23)
NB: Davin Siharath, 47 assists, Anthony Almeda, 28 kills; M: Adnel Torres, 16 kills, 2 blocks, Oni Carrion, 26 assists, 6 kills. Rec.: NB-10-7; M-7-11.

ENFIELD 3, CONARD 1 (25-13, 25-20, 17-25, 25-17)
E: Drew Rancourt, 22 kills, 9 digs, 2 aces, Jacob Girard, 9 kills, 3 digs, Evan Murphy, 27 assists, 8 digs, 2 kills. Rec.: E-14-3; C-10-6.

NEWINGTON 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-19, 25-14, 25-11)
N: Trey Guest, 17 kills, 2 aces, Nick Grattage, 14 digs, 2 aces. Rec.: N-12-6; EH-0-15.

GLASTONBURY 3, HALL 0
FARMINGTON 3, LEWIS MILLS 1
Others
XAVIER 3, KOLBE CATHEDRAL 0 (25-12, 25-21, 25-17)
X: Rory McCormack, 13 digs, 8 kills, 2 aces, Joseph O'Brien, 11 kills, 5 digs, Thomas Lunt, 4 kills, 2 assists, 1 ace. Rec.: X-14-5; KC-3-16.

SOUTHINGTON 3, CHESHIRE 1

BOYS GOLF

CCC-East
E.O. SMITH 170, ENFIELD 183
Medalist: Ethan Ambrosino, Enfield, 39 at The Windham Club.

NCCC
SOMERS 186, EAST GRANBY 195
Medalist: John Zdebski, Somers, 43 at Grassmere CC, Enfield.

ROCKVILLE 178, BOLTON (NO TEAM SCORE)

Shoreline
HALE-RAY 171, OLD SAYBROOK 177
Medalist: Luke Karpiej, Hale-Ray, 38 at Fenwick GC, Old Saybrook.

MORGAN 178, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 189
Medalist: Tyler Greenhouse, Morgan, 42 at Clinton CC.

CTC
GRASSO TECH 178, WILCOX TECH 189
SCC
FAIRFIELD PREP 161, HAND 167

Medalist: Mike Rothberg, Fairfield Prep, 37 at Madison CC.

Others
PLAINVILLE 233, UNIVERSITY 255
Medalist: Ryan Fontaine, Plainville, 49 at Keney Park GC, Hartford.

ELLINGTON 165, SOUTH WINDSOR 189
Medalist: Bradley Sawka, Ellington, 38 at Ellington Ridge CC.

NORTH BRANFORD 177, MALONEY 186

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-East
MANCHESTER 216, SOUTH WINDSOR 231
Medalist: Juliana Golas, Manchester, 49 at Topstone GC, South Windsor.

WETHERSFIELD 185, EAST HARTFORD 287
Medalist: Sophia Nower, Wethersfield, 43 at Wethersfield CC.

GLASTONBURY 195, EAST CATHOLIC 217
CCC-West
CONARD 203, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 122
Medalist: Lily Nguyen, Conard, 46 at Rockledge GC, West Hartford.

HALL 175, SIMSBURY 203
Medalist: Anna DeSanto, 40 at Simsbury Farms GC.
AVON 213, FARMINGTON 227
CCC-Inter
BERLIN 164, LEWIS MILLS 211
Medalist: Libby Dunn, Berlin, 38 at Fairview Farms GC, Harwinton.

SCC
CHESHIRE 194, HAND 214

Medalist: Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 42 at Madison CC.

BOYSTENNIS

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 5, ROCKY HILL 2
CCC-South
LEWIS MILLS 4, BRISTOL CENTRAL 3

CCC-East
ENFIELD CO-OP 7, EAST HARTFORD 0
MANCHESTER 4, RHAM 3
SOUTH WINDSOR 4, E.O. SMITH 3

CCC-West
SIMSBURY 4, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 3
AVON 5, HALL 2
FARMINGTON 5, CONARD 2
GLASTONBURY 6, SOUTHINGTON 1

CCC-Inter
NEW BRITAIN 7, PLAINVILLE 0
NCCC
SUFFIELD 6, WINDSOR LOCKS 1
GRANBY 7, CANTON/EAST GRANBY 0

Shoreline
CROMWELL 6, PORTLAND 0

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 7, BLOOMFIELD 0
NEWINGTON 4, ROCKY HILL 3
NEW BRITAIN 4, WINDSOR 3

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 7, LEWIS MILLS 0
MALONEY 6, PLAINVILLE 1
MIDDLETOWN 5, BRISTOL EASTERN 2

CCC-East
MANCHESTER 4, RHAM 3
MANCHESTER 6, TOLLAND 1
E.O. SMITH 4, SOUTH WINDSOR 3
EAST HARTFORD 7, ENFIELD 0

CCC-West
GLASTONBURY 6, SOUTHINGTON 1
FARMINGTON 6, CONARD 1
AVON 6, HALL 1
SIMSBURY 5, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2

NCCC
BOLTON 4, COVENTRY 3
GRANBY 5, CANTON 2
WINDSOR LOCKS 7, EAST GRANBY 0

Shoreline
OLD LYME 6, MORGAN 1
MORGAN 4, CROMWELL 3
SCC
HAND 4, CHESHIRE 3

CCC-East
MANCHESTER 4, RHAM 3
MANCHESTER 6, TOLLAND 1
E.O. SMITH 4, SOUTH WINDSOR 3
EAST HARTFORD 7, ENFIELD 0

CCC-West
GLASTONBURY 6, SOUTHINGTON 1
FARMINGTON 6, CONARD 1
AVON 6, HALL

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Musical MEALS

Alexander Smalls helps home cooks explore the Gullah Geechee foods of his childhood

By **Gretchen McKay**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Alexander Smalls was a professional opera singer before he reinvented himself as a chef and restaurateur. So it's no surprise he brings an artist's eye to the recipes he created for his 2020 cookbook, "Meals, Music, And Muses: Recipes From My African American Kitchen."

He brings a pretty good ear to the Southern dishes featured in the book by offering a "soundtrack" of the bold and flavorful Gullah Geechee foods he grew up eating and learned to cook in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

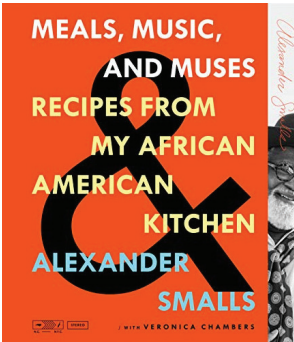
Each chapter pays homage to a genre of music tied to a category of food. Starters, for instance, are likened to the improvisation, blues and swing found in jazz, while rice, pasta and grits — "lean on me" dishes that are often the backbone of a home cook's repertoire — represent the comfort of spirituals.

As he notes in the cookbook's forward, food and music are inextricably linked in the U.S., especially in African American culture. "Both Southern music and Southern food are rooted in a knotty lineage that connects West Africa and Western Europe," he writes.

Smalls spent years traveling the world as a young artist, and won both Grammy and Tony awards for the cast recording of "Porgy and Bess," by George Gershwin, with the Houston Grand Opera. Yet he was never able to break opera's glass ceiling as a Black man; his last audition with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, he recalls, resulted in an offer to be part of the chorus instead of the prime role he'd made his debut to, to rave reviews.

"So I left devastated," he says, "but really determined to get on with my life," by opening the small, intimate restaurant he'd always dreamed of.

Cafe Beulah, one of the forerunners of the soul food revolution in New York City, opened in 1994 to rave reviews. Four more restaurants followed, including The Cecil in 2013, which highlights the interplay



PRALINES

Makes: 12 pralines
¾ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
¾ cup heavy cream
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans
1. In a medium saucepan, combine brown sugar and cream and heat over medium-low heat, stirring, until brown sugar has melted. Cook, stirring occasionally, until blended into a paste, about 10 minutes. Add butter, vanilla and pecans. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes.
2. Line a half-sheet pan with parchment paper. Drop pralines by tablespoons onto prepared pans and let cool completely.
— *Adapted from "Meals, Music, and Muses: Recipes from My African Kitchen" by Alexander Smalls*

between African and Asian cuisines, and the jazz bar and restaurant Minton's next door.

"I needed to own not just a seat at the table," Smalls says, "but the whole table."

His first cookbook, 2018's "Between Harlem and Heaven: Afro-Asian-American Cooking for Big Nights, Weeknights, and Every Day," won him a 2019 James Beard Foundation Book Award for best American cookbook. It explores the immense influence the African diaspora has had on global cuisine.

With "Meals, Music, and Muses," Smalls hopes to continue the conversation about the unsung contributions people of the African diaspora have made to American cuisine.

"It's essentially my sort of ode to the African American kitchen, and my pathway if you will," he says. "The lens to which I've been the creative person that I am."



"Crabcakes are an essential part of Southern coastal cooking," Alexander Smalls writes in "Meals, Music, and Muses." **GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE**

DEVILED CRABCAKES WITH SPICY CREOLE MAYO

Makes: 6 servings
For the crabcakes:
1 pound lump crabmeat, picked over for shells
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
2 tablespoon finely chopped red pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
2 large eggs, beaten
1 cup small cubes white bread, toasted
½ cup plain bread crumbs, plus more for dredging
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh thyme
1 ½ teaspoons cayenne pepper
1 cup fresh corn kernels
Salt and pepper
Peanut, canola or vegetable oil, for frying
For the Creole mayo:
1 cup canned diced tomatoes
½ cup finely chopped red pepper
½ cup finely chopped celery

½ cup finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon light brown sugar
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons tomato paste
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ cup mayonnaise
1. Prepare the crabcakes: In a large bowl, mix crab, onion, bell pepper, celery, parsley, eggs, bread cubes, bread crumbs, thyme, cayenne, corn and ½ teaspoon each salt and black pepper until well combined. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours or up to overnight.
2. Prepare the mayonnaise: In medium saucepan, combine tomatoes, bell pepper, celery, onion, brown sugar, cayenne, tomato paste, vinegar, salt and black pepper and bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often.
3. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the mixture has the consistency of a thick paste, about 20 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, then chill for 1 hour.

4. Transfer tomato mixture to a food processor and pulse until smooth. Spoon the mixture into a bowl and fold in mayonnaise. Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving, or store in a sealed container in the fridge for up to 1 month.
5. To make the crabcakes, put bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Form crab mixture into 1-ounce patties (about 1 ½ inches in diameter). Dredge patties in bread crumbs to coat and shake off excess crumbs.
6. Fill a large cast-iron skillet with oil to a depth of ½ inch. Heat over medium-high heat to 325 degrees. Working in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan, add crab patties to hot oil and fry, turning once, until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side.
7. Drain on a crumpled brown paper bag or paper towels. Serve immediately with Creole mayonnaise.
— *"Meals, Music, and Muses: Recipes from My African American Kitchen" by Alexander Smalls*

Parmesan crisps are the perfect topping for any salad

By **Christine Gallary**
TheKitchn.com

The one cheese my refrigerator is always stocked with is Parmesan. This magical cheese makes everything it touches that much tastier, and it's also pretty delicious on its own

— especially when baked up into lacy Parmesan crisps.

These elegant crisps call for just one ingredient and are so easy to make — as long as you have the right kind of Parmesan and use the right technique.

I made tray after tray

of Parmesan crisps, using various kinds of Parmesan and trying different ways of grating the cheese, in order to perfect this recipe. Here is what I discovered.

I am an equal opportunist when it comes to Parmesan. In my fridge, you'll find fancy Parmigia-

no-Reggiano, full of yummy salty crystals, as well as pre-grated or shredded domestic Parmesan for my Parm-loving daughter. But when it comes to crisps, I've found that the type of Parmesan you use makes a huge difference between a delicate crisp that snaps

easily and one that's chewy and a bit tough.

Shredding Parmigiano-Reggiano directly off the block makes for the best crisps, and it's worth the extra effort. You don't have to buy the most expensive Parm out there, but grating it yourself means the



cheese isn't dried out and will melt beautifully into a thin, delicate layer.

In a pinch, you can use store-bought shredded Parmesan, which still bakes up crisp, just not as delicate in nature. But stay far,

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Strawberry scones don't need jam to shine

By **Melissa Clark**
The New York Times

Scones and strawberry jam is such a classic pairing that, naturally, it's rife with debate.

First, there's the pronunciation of scone. Does it rhyme with "phone" (as in the United States, Ireland and some parts of England) or with "gone" (as said by many Britons, including the queen)?

Then, there's the issue of jam placement. Do you smear it directly on the split pastry before dolloping it with clotted cream (called the Cornish method), or are you team cream-first, jam-second (the go-to in Devon)?

Having consumed the majority of scones in New York City, I draw out the "o" (as in "hello, I made scones"). And, in terms of strawberry jam, I've taken to mixing dried strawberries directly into the dough, which bake up into jammy pockets in the tender crumb. This evenly distributes the berries, giving you bits of intense fruit all the way through — and doesn't preclude you from adding more jam after baking.

But perhaps the biggest way my scone recipe deviates from more traditional versions is that, instead of shaping the dough into individual wedges, I pat it into a round loaf, then score it, cutting halfway through.

This helps keep the interior particularly moist and fluffy, while the crust bakes up golden and craggy, with edges that crunch. And it's fun to pull apart the warm pieces with your hands for serving. (For more elegant presentations, a serrated knife also works.)

One thing to note: Because dried strawberries can be hard to find, you might be tempted to use fresh or frozen berries here. Resist this urge.

Fresh and frozen berries contain large amounts of moisture, which will



Dotted with dried berries and baked into a round, this strawberry scone loaf emerges from the oven full of jammy bites. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

steam during baking and can make the surrounding crumb soggy. It's better to mix in other dried fruit. Dates, which have a similar sticky denseness, work especially well.

Like all scones, these are best served within a few hours of baking. But they also freeze well and can be reheated just before serving.

While testing this recipe, I stored leftovers of different versions in the freezer and was grateful every morning when I could just pop one in the toaster oven, then eat it hot, topped with softened butter.

STRAWBERRY SCONE LOAF

Make: 8 servings
Total time: 1 hour
1 cup dried strawberries or pitted dates (see note)
2 cups boiling water
2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the work surface
¼ to ½ cup sugar, plus more for sprinkling
1 tablespoon baking powder
¾ teaspoon fine sea salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ cup very cold unsalted butter
⅓ cup buttermilk, plus more for brushing
1 large egg, beaten
Butter and clotted cream, for serving

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees with a rack in the upper third. Line a baking sheet

with parchment paper.

2. Place strawberries in a bowl and cover with boiling water. Let sit until soft and pliable, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain, pat dry and coarsely chop.

3. Place flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Using the large holes of a box grater, grate the butter into the bowl, then toss until mixture resembles oatmeal. Alternatively, pulse all the dry ingredients together in a food processor. Cube the butter, add to the processor, and pulse until the mixture looks like oatmeal. Transfer mixture to a large bowl.

4. Add strawberries and toss well.

5. In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk and egg. Add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture. Using a wooden spoon, stir until all the dry flour

bits are incorporated, but the dough is still shaggy. Using your hands, knead and press the dough a few times while it's still in the bowl until the dough just holds together.

6. Dump the dough out onto the prepared sheet pan. Pat the dough into a round loaf about 8 inches in diameter. Using a sharp knife, deeply score the loaf into 8 wedges (but don't cut all the way through). Brush the loaf all over with buttermilk and sprinkle generously with sugar.

7. Bake until golden brown, 25 to 35 minutes. Let cool slightly. Cut or break into wedges and serve warm with butter and clotted cream.

Note: If you can't find dried strawberries, pitted dates will give you a similar texture and level of sweetness. Other dried fruit works, too.



A little oven time turns Parmesan cheese into the crispiest, laciest one-ingredient cracker ever. **JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM**

Parmesan

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far away from pre-grated Parmesan, which clumps up and bakes up chewy.

You'll also want to grate the Parmesan into shreds that are just the right size to melt into crispy deliciousness. Don't use the grating holes that you would use for potatoes or zucchini or the really small, spiky hole section on the box grater that's meant for zesting citrus or grating cheese

really finely. Do use the shredding side of a box grater, which produces shreds that are not too big and not too small.

To keep Parmesan crisps from sticking to the baking sheet in the oven, line the baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat first. You can just reuse the paper or baking mat if you're making multiple batches of crisps.

Let the Parmesan crisps cool completely on the baking sheet, then transfer to an airtight container,

where they can keep for up to five days. Honestly though, these are so tasty they never last that long in my house!

I believe I first had Parmesan crisps on a Caesar salad, and I thought they were such an ingenious gluten-free alternative to croutons. Amp up the Parmesan factor in a kale Caesar salad by garnishing it with the crisps, or just have them with a cold glass of crisp white wine for an easy-yet-fancy happy hour pairing.

PARMESAN CRISPS

Makes: 12 (2 ½-inch) crisps
2 ounces ungrated Parmesan cheese, or ¾ cup store-bought shredded (not grated)

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 400 degrees. Meanwhile, line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Grate 2

ounces Parmesan cheese on the smaller (not smallest) holes of a box grater into fine shreds (about ¾ cup).

2. Spoon the cheese onto the baking sheet in 12 piles (about 1 tablespoon each), spacing them evenly apart. Gently pat each pile into an even 2 ½-inch round with your fingers.

3. Bake until evenly light golden brown, 6 to 7 minutes. Let cool for at least 3 minutes on the baking sheet;

they will crisp up as they cool. Loosen with a thin knife or offset spatula. If they are not as crisp as you'd like, return to the oven, checking every minute, until slightly darker in color. If making more than one batch, blot the excess oil from the baking sheet with paper towels before reusing.

Note: Parmesan crisps can be stored in an airtight container at cool room temperature for up to five days.

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From the land of reds: superb Spanish whites

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

Spain is overwhelmingly associated with red wines. Nonetheless, exceptions are easy to find. Albariños from Rías Baixas come to mind, and they have indeed become popular in the 30 years since Americans first became aware of them. Sherries are white wines, albeit fortified. Most cavas are white, too, though sparkling. Traditionally made white Riojas, like those from the great producer R. López de Heredia, can be among the most distinctive, singular wines in the world. On the whole, though, Spain brings to mind the world of red Riojas and Ribera del Dueros, Priorats and myriad others from the Mediterranean coast and the interior made of grapes like garnacha, monastrell and bobal.

This is why I've been so intrigued over the past few years to taste such unusual and captivating white wines coming from every corner of Spain. In early April I shopped in New York retail shops and came away with fascinating Spanish whites that could come from nowhere else in the world. I won't contend that they were easy to find. It helps for research to have Spanish restaurants with forward-looking wine lists, like Ernesto's on the Lower East Side and Saint Julivert in Brooklyn. But the rewards of these wines are plentiful, even if, for now, you have to keep them in the back of your mind until you find yourself looking at a great Spanish wine list or stumbling upon a wine shop that has invested in Spain. What makes them so unusual? The grapes for a start. These bottles are made of albariño, palomino, treixadura, godello and garnacha blanca, among a few others. You may encounter them elsewhere,



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as in Spain's Iberian neighbor Portugal, but not often beyond that. Most of all, though, it's the combination of searching for winemakers who are simultaneously looking backward and forward, conscientious farmers — just about all these wines are made from organic or biodynamically grown grapes or the equivalent — and Spain's own singular wine culture. These bottles are terrific examples of what I'm talking about, but plenty more are out there, including other cuvées from these producers. If you see whites from Goyo García Viadero, snap them up. Same with Partida Creus, MicroBio, Parés Baltà, Emilio Rojo, Comando G, Muchada-Léclapart and Recaredo. Here are the bottles, from least to most expensive. Callejuela Blanco de Hornillos 2019, 13%, \$17: Pepe and Paco Blanco make

excellent sherries from small parcels they farm in the Jerez region in Andalusia. Recently, they began to make unfortified white wines like this one from palomino, the main sherry grape. You can taste the influence of the albariza soil along with the flor, the yeast that forms on the surface of fino sherry as it ages and provides its characteristic tang. This wine is pure, fresh and mineral, with that tinge of sherry. At \$17, it's an amazing value. Zarate Rías Baixas Albariño 2020, 13%, \$26: Eulogio Pomares, who makes the Zarate wines, thinks most albariños are intended for immediate consumption. He believes in making wines capable of aging. His technique? Using grapes from older vines farmed biodynamically, fermented naturally and aged on the lees; the residue of the yeast after fermentation is complete, which adds texture and character. This entry-level bottle may not

last for years, but it's definitely a cut above, bright, floral and stony. Cota 45 Ube Miraflores 2020, 12%, \$31: I'm fascinated by the wines of Ramiro Ibañez of Cota 45, who is exploring the terroirs of Jerez through a series of unfortified wines made of palomino and other indigenous grapes. Jerez is of course best known for sherry, but Ibañez, the Blanco brothers and others have suggested an alternate regional history of multiple grapes with a focus on terroirs. Miraflores is a great introduction to the Cota 45 wines, savory and pure, highly suggestive of the best sherries yet different. As I said, I'm fascinated. Terroir Històric Priorat Blanc 2017, 13%, \$35: Dominik Huber makes excellent Priorats and other Catalan wines under the Terroir al Limit label. Terroir Històric, his second label, is dedi-

cated to thirst-quenching, yet intriguing, wines that explore Huber's conception of historic styles of the region. This bottle, a blend of garnacha blanca and macabeu that has been aged for six months in concrete, is tangy, herbal and surprisingly subtle. Laura Lorenzo Datterra Viticultores Manzaneda Gavela da Vila 2019, 12%, \$35: Laura Lorenzo explores old vineyards and traditions largely in Galicia in northwestern Spain. Here's another wine made from palomino: Though the grape is most known in Jerez and southern Spain, Lorenzo found an old vineyard on sandy granite soil. She fermented the wine in big old chestnut barrels with a brief skin maceration, so this is a mild orange cuvée, slightly tannic, fresh and alive. It has lingering flavors of dried fruits and flowers and an intriguing texture. Nanclares y Prieto O Bocoi

Vello de Silvia 2020, 12.5%, \$37: This is a Rías Baixas albariño, although it's not labeled that way. In addition to the wines they make from their own vines, the excellent producers Alberto Nanclares and Silvia Prieto supplement their production with grapes from other local farmers, as in this bottle. The grapes were foot-stomped, fermented with indigenous yeast and aged in traditional old chestnut barrels. The result is a subtle, textured wine with stony, floral flavors that linger long after you swallow. Luis Anxo Rodríguez Vázquez Ribeiro A Teixeira 2018, 12.5%, \$45: Some of the most interesting white wines from Spain, like this bottle from Luis Anxo Rodríguez Vázquez, come from the Ribeiro region. Rodríguez farms tiny parcels throughout the region, focusing primarily on the treixadura grape and supplemented with other indigenous varieties. This bottle comes from a single vineyard on granite soils. It's largely treixadura with smaller amounts of albariño and godello. It's textured and mineral, with an attractive, almost grainy flavor that adds complexity. La Perdida O Pando Orange 2020, 13%, \$50: Nacho Gonzalez of La Perdida is a natural winemaker in the Valdeorras region of Galicia. He seeks out isolated, abandoned hillside vineyards — the name La Perdida means “the lost” — and farms them organically, bringing them back to health. This orange wine is made of godello grapes and fermented in clay amphora, where it ages with the skins for six months. It's not particularly tannic, but the complex flavors of spices, flowers, herbs and dried fruits are fascinating.



Baby Yukon Gold potatoes are perfect for air frying. KELLI FOSTER/THEKITCHN.COM

Turn to your air fryer for impossibly crispy side dish

By Kelli Foster
TheKitchn.com

For those nights I want an easy side dish that promises to be irresistibly crispy, I turn to my air fryer. I've learned from experience that it's the best way to make the crispiest restaurant-style fries and tater tots (without deep frying), it turns out crisp-tender green beans that will knock your socks off, and it's even better (and faster) than the oven when it comes to making a killer batch of roasted


broccoli. So, it's no surprise that the air fryer is the secret to a winning batch of roasted potatoes. This version starts with halved baby potatoes tossed with a mix of Italian seasoning and garlic powder, and cooks up with the golden, crispy outsides you crave, plus a tender, creamy center. Best of all, air fryer roasted potatoes are ready in just 20 minutes and are easy to pair with just about anything you're cooking for dinner. Baby Yukon Gold potatoes are perfect for

air frying. Choose potatoes that are about 1 inch in diameter, then cut them in half while the air fryer heats up. In just 20 minutes, these potatoes will cook up irresistibly crispy on the outside, with tender, creamy centers. And you don't need to boil them — the potatoes will cook from start to finish in the air fryer. Leftover potatoes will keep for up to four days in the fridge. To serve, just reheat the amount you want in the air fryer set to 350 degrees until heated through, about 5 minutes.

AIR FRYER ROASTED POTATOES

Makes: 4 servings
1 pound baby Yukon Gold potatoes (about 1-inch wide)
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1. Heat an air fryer to 400 degrees.

Meanwhile, halve 1 pound baby Yukon Gold potatoes and place in a medium bowl. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil, 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, ½ teaspoon garlic powder, ½ teaspoon kosher salt and ¼ teaspoon black pepper, and toss to coat.
2. Arrange the potatoes in an even layer in the air fryer basket or tray (air fry in batches if needed). Air fry until lightly browned with crispy edges, tossing halfway through, about 20 minutes total.



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The tang of the lemon plays a soaring counterpoint to what many people think of as the gaminess of lamb. **HILLARY LEVIN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH PHOTOS**

When life hands you LEMONS

Make chicken or lamb, a lemon tart or lemon-boiled shrimp

By **Daniel Neman** | St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Lemons get a bad rap. When we buy a car that doesn't run, we call it a lemon. When life gives you lemons, we say you should make lemonade, as if lemons were something merely to be endured. It's not fair.

Lemons are bright and sunny, brisk and invigorating. They add a delicious splash of life to food; they sprinkle it with the essence of spring.

I say, when life gives you lemons, you should celebrate. Yay, lemons!

It's time we elevate the humble lemon to the pantheon of culinary flavors. And so I decided to cook four dishes that take full advantage of this most versatile of citrus fruits.

I made dishes that are sweet and savory, main courses and a dessert. How many other ingredients are equally at home inside a pie as well as saddling up to a piece of grilled meat?

I started with shrimp. Lemon is a natural accompaniment to all crustaceans; I don't think I've ever cooked lobster, crab or shrimp without using at least a healthy squeeze or two of lemon.

In order to highlight and focus on the taste of the lemon, I decided to make the shrimp the easiest way I know how: I boiled it.

Usually when I boil shrimp, I use beer or a mixture of beer and water and a bountiful amount of Old Bay seasoning. But this time, I decided to mix lemon juice with water.

In my first attempt, I used Old Bay, too. It tasted great, but it tasted like Old Bay with just a hint of lemon.

So I tried the water and lemon juice alone. It was still good, but not lemony enough. So I tried water and more lemon juice. It was better, but still not lemony enough.

So I tried a proportion of nearly equal amounts of

lemon juice and water, and the result was everything I could hope for: bright and lemony, without overpowering the shrimp.

You can serve the shrimp hot or cold. I decided to forgo the traditional cocktail sauce, because I wanted to savor the flavor of lemon. But if you think shrimp are indecently naked without cocktail sauce, by all means go ahead and serve it.

I next decided to take advantage of a classic combination of flavors that is often overlooked: lamb with lemon. The tang of the lemon plays a soaring counterpoint to what many people (not me) think of as the gaminess of lamb.

I used tender and flavorful lamb chops, and created a marinade of things that go particularly well with lamb — olive oil, garlic, shallots, Dijon mustard, thyme (or rosemary) and lemon juice, plus salt and pepper. I covered the meat with the marinade for one hour before cooking it.

I usually grill my lamb, but not everyone has a grill. So I decided to cook mine on the stove. You don't get any of the flavor of the fire that way, which is especially desirable with lamb, but you do get more caramelization across the surface of the meat as a trade-off.

It was quicker and easier than using the grill, and the results were marvelous. The lemon was a high note singing clearly and steadily over the earthbound meatiness of the lamb.

When I thought about how to make a lemon chicken, I had a brilliant idea: Why not use the exact same marinade that I had



You can serve the lemon-boiled shrimp hot or cold.



The marinade for lemon lamb chops tastes just as good with chicken.

used for the lamb? After all, olive oil, garlic, shallots, Dijon mustard, thyme (or rosemary), lemon juice and salt and pepper all go particularly well with chicken, too.

I usually grill my chicken, but not everyone has a grill. So I decided to cook mine in the oven. You don't get any of the flavor of the fire that way, which is especially desirable with chicken, but it is easier to cook and less fussy.

The chicken tasted great; it was a wonderful roast chicken. But to be honest,

it wasn't lemony enough to be lemon chicken. So I doubled the amount of lemon juice in the marinade and tried again.

The result was subtle but remarkably pleasant. Not too lemony at all.

For dessert, I had thought to make lemon meringue pie, but I decided that was too commonplace. So I made a lemon Shaker tart.

Reputedly based on a recipe from the Shakers, this tart uses every part of the lemon, skin and all. Well, not the seeds. But it uses the whole lemon,

minus the seeds.

I made cookbook author Alison Roman's recipe, which uses a simple shortbread crust. It's ridiculously delicious, with a buttery, crisp base for the lemon custard to go on top.

The custard is also easy, but it requires some waiting time.

You slice a lemon very thin, removing any seeds, and let the slices sit in a mixture of lemon juice and sugar for at least one hour and up to a full day. Then you mix in a lot of egg yolks and whole eggs, along with

LEMON-BOILED SHRIMP

Makes: 4 servings
½ cup plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice
¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons water
1 pound shrimp, with or without shells

For optional cocktail sauce:
¾ cup chili sauce
½ cup ketchup
1 or 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
Juice from 1 or 2 wedges of lemon

1. In a large pot, bring lemon juice and water to a boil. Add shrimp and boil until shrimp are pink and curled; the time will vary depending on the size of the shrimp. Serve hot or cold.

2. If making a cocktail sauce, combine chili sauce, ketchup, horseradish, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice in a bowl. Serve with shrimp.

LEMON LAMB CHOPS

Makes: 3 to 4 servings
2 pounds lamb chops
¼ cup lemon juice
1 garlic clove
1 tablespoon roughly chopped shallots
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary leaves
¼ cup olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons oil (not olive oil), if cooking on stove

1. Place lamb chops in a flat dish. Put lemon juice, garlic, shallots, mustard, thyme or rosemary, olive oil and salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour marinade over both sides of lamb and let sit at room temperature for 1 hour, turning once or twice.

2. Set up grill for direct heat or place a large, heavy skillet over high heat and add 2 tablespoons oil. Cook meat, turning once or twice, until desired doneness (about 5 minutes total for medium rare for ¾-inch chops).

LEMON CHICKEN

Makes: 3 to 4 servings
1 (3 ½- to 4-pound) chicken
½ cup lemon juice
1 garlic clove
1 tablespoon roughly chopped shallot
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary leaves
¼ cup olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons oil (not olive oil) if cooking on stove

1. Place chicken in a large bowl. Put lemon juice, garlic, shallots, mustard, thyme or rosemary, olive oil and salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour marinade over and around chicken and let sit at room temperature for 1 hour. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 425 degrees.

2. Place chicken on a rack in a roasting pan (if you don't have a rack, place it on top of potatoes, carrots, celery or a combination). For the best appearance, truss the legs and wings. Roast in oven until done, about 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours, depending on the size of the chicken; if it is getting too brown on top, cover with aluminum foil. The chicken will be done when the legs move freely in their joints.

3. Tent with aluminum foil and wait at least 5 to 10 minutes before carving.

a bit of flour and a dash of salt, and bake it until you can't stand how good your house smells.

The tart is an absolute delight, and it's not too sweet as many lemon desserts can be.

Maybe that's why it's called a tart.

LEMON SHAKER TART

Makes: 8 servings
For the crust:
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup powdered sugar
1 ½ teaspoons salt
12 tablespoons (1 ½ sticks) melted unsalted butter
For the filling:
1 Meyer lemon or 1 regular lemon, very thinly sliced, seeds removed (see notes)
1 cup granulated sugar
¾ cup Meyer lemon juice or regular lemon juice
3 large egg yolks

2 large eggs
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1. Make the crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine the flour, powdered sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Drizzle in the melted butter and mix until it's well combined (it will have a sort of Play-Doh-type texture). Press this into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch tart pan or 9-inch springform pan. Use a measuring cup to flatten it and make sure it's all even.
3. Bake the tart shell until it's

a pale golden brown on the edges and baked through on the bottom (it will lose that greasy shine), about 20 minutes.

4. Make the filling: Toss lemon slices, granulated sugar and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Let this sit out at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours to soften peels.

5. Whisk the egg yolks, eggs, flour and salt in a medium bowl, making sure zero lumps remain (if there are stubborn bits of flour, then strain the mixture; otherwise they'll float to the top and won't

disappear when baked), and add the mixture to the bowl with the lemon slices. Toss everything to combine, then transfer to the crust.

6. Bake the tart until the edges are set and the center just barely jiggles, about 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool completely before slicing.

Notes: Use sharp or serrated knife to cut the lemons; do not use a mandoline. Crust can be baked two days ahead, and tart can be baked one day ahead.
— Adapted from "Dining In" by Alison Roman



This tart is not too sweet as many lemon desserts can be.